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On Reforms, Yeltsin Seems To Choose Not to Choose

By Steven Erlanger New York Times Service

MOSCOW - After the strong vote for ex-tremists of the right and left, President Boris N. Yeltsin had a serious choice to make about the pace and kind of economic reform. But in his first post-election news conference, there was no indication he has made that choice.

His decision to keep Yegor T. Gaidar, a current first deputy prime minister and leader of the reformers, means the probable continua-tion of a government so divided that it has been unable to pursite a consistent economic strate-

After two years of on-again, off-again policy that can scatcely be called coherent, many Russian voters rebelled against the instability of this uncharted transition to a market econo-

In response, Mr. Yeltsin spoke of the need to balance the fight against inflation, which is over-

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15 percent a month and sure to increase, against helping the poor. He also said he would like to provide more

social benefits to ease the pain of those who are suffering from the slow transition to a market economy, echoing a wish expressed by U.S. officials.

But Mr. Yeltsin did not speak at all about where such money might come from, or about the consistent plea of the reformers and the International Monetary. Fund that Russia spend less money on subsidizing bankrupt and inefficient industries.

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inclinent industries. In essence, -Mr. Yeltsin has followed the usual pattern of the past two years, which is to try to please everyone. And after the harsh message of unhappiness expressed in the elec-tions, the number of constituencies he has to please has increased. It appears inevitable, from what he said and did not say, that the pace of economic stabiliza-

tion and structural change, especially for Rus-sia's industrial behemoths, will be significantly slower. The emphasis is likely to be less on stabilization than on production, investment and social welfare:

But the West and the Cinton administration also have a choice to make, going beyond state-ments in Washington about finding "less shock and more therapy for the Russian people."

The administration's talk about the success of its Russia policy has turned quiet, raising doubts about us assumption that the new Rus-sia will be friendly and Western-oriented, and patient with the chaos of economic transforma-

Now, countries in central and eastern Europe



A Moscow mother trying to comfort her son after he found that the Christmas tree he was admiring was too expensive for them.

F.A.O. Schwarz: Toy Store That Can't Play The Game

European Stocks Rise On Hope of Recovery

Predictions of Lower Interest Rates Spur Major Markets to New Highs

By Jacques Neher al Herald Tribune

PARIS - Believing that 1994 will bring lower interest rates and economic recovery. investors Thursday pushed major stock markets across Europe to records ahead of the Christmas weeker

London's Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares soared 40.8 points to 3.396.50, setting a record for the second time this week. The Paris CAC-40 index jumped 17.23 to a new high of 2.243.02 on heavy trading, while Frankfurt's DAX index of 30 leading stocks set its fourth consecutive record, rising 25.33 points to 2,222.84.

"it's an accumulation of positive hopes for lower interest rates and expectations that we will have a fundamentally better 1994," Peter Pietsch, an economist with Commerzbank in Frankfurt, said.

Though these expectations that Europe would emerge from its worst economic crisis since World War II have been present in the markets for several weeks, he said, "the psychology of Christmas" gave an added boost to investor sentiment over the last few days.

"Investors are anticipating a year-end and first-quarter rally," said Oliver Kamm, European equities strategist for stockbroker James Capel. European markets have a history of rallying in the first quarter.

He said the stock markets had not yet fully discounted the interest-rate cuts expected to he made by the Bundesbank, Germany's central bank, in the next few months.

Mr. Kamm said he expected an "early, substantial and persistent easing" of interest rates by the Bundesbank, and expected other countries linked to Germany in Europe's exchange-rate mechanism to "emulate these actions."

He predicted that short-term rates in Germany, now just under 6 percent, would fall to 5.1 percent by the end of the first quarter of 1994 and 4.3 percent by the end of the second quar-ter. He said he saw German rates hitting a low of 3 percent by early 1995. As a result, he predicted, stock markets

across Europe will rise 10 percent to 25 percent over the next 12 months. In London, the buying spree caused big problems for traders who had sold stock short.

or sold shares they did not yet own in expecta-

tions its value would go down. They found themselves in a bind as they struggled to buy back stock ahead of the holiday weekend, with Pales

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sellers holding out for higher prices. "They have been scrambling around for stock," said Ian Harnett of Société Générale trauss Turnbull in London said.

London's other major indicator, the Financial Times 30-share index of industrial stocks. rose 35.5 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,549.40. Trading volume surged to 885.4 million shares from 779.2 million shares Wednesday.

In Paris, dealers said the market bad moved up on strength in the bond market, increasi timism about the French economie outlook for 1994 and expectations of cuts in short-term interest rate cuts by the Bank of France early in the year.

Finance Minister Edmond Alphandery of rance also cited hopes of interest-rate cuts in discussing the stock market's rise, as well as improved corporate profits. "The Bourse is doing better for two reasons, be said. "The first is the fall in interest rates."

"The second is medium-term expectations for French companies, which are not on the

whole bad," he said. Among the day's biggest gainers were the travel and leisure concern Club Mediterranée SA, which elosed at 345 francs (\$59.35) a share, p 21, or 7.5 percent, after falling 4.2 percent Vednesday when the company announced a record loss for 1993 of 290 million francs.

The electrical equipment maker Schneider SA, which advanced 4.6 percent, was the most

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are usery и шеге о security and "partoenhips for peace," the phrase used by the administration to bring those nations into NATO without making them full members.

As for Russia itself, Washington may be under pressure to consider a more active engagement — and an even larger commitment of funds.

For two years, the West has claimed that the success of the Russian transition toward de-

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By Stephanie Strom New York Times Service

NEW YORK - Neither rain, nor sleet, nor snow nor the depths of recession seems to shorten the line of people shivering outside the F.A.O. Schwarz flagship store in Manhattan during the holiday season, awaiting a chance to wander through the closest thing to Santa's workshop south of the North Pole. The "toy" soldier standing at the main entrance salutes to more than 50,000 people each day at this time of year. Many are

LOUINSIS WHO LUCIUS de the Schwarz store at Fifth Avenue and 58th Street on their itinerary in the same way they do the Empire State Building or the World Trade Center.

But despite its ability to delight and inspire with talking teddy bears, a Barbie boutique and \$8,200 miniature gas-powered Mercedes cars, the renowned toy store chain has trouble turning a profit, under its current Dutch ownership as under previous owners.

Sales at the 25 stores across the United States have marched steadily forward, more

л штрі 40 percent to the last two years alone. But when there were any profits in the last de-cade, they were small, and materialized only briefly between 1987 and 1989 before giving

costs of business, including expensive real estate, and its singular quality make it diffi-cult not only to make a profit but also to way again to red ink. A succession of four owners between the early 1960s and 1986 threw up their hands at ever making money at Schwarz. The fifth, an iovesiment group that backed Schwarz management in a buyout in 1986, and then sold

See TOYS, Page 3 the company in 1990, said the company

U.S.-Korea Split Narrows

Nuclear Talks With North Will Continue

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sales during its ownership, a figure the few

analysts who follow the company question.

expand its operations. And in an era when

low prices excite shoppers far more than

interesting displays and wonderful ambiance,

North Korea agree to resume contacts with

South Korea, he said. He did not provide other

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details of the negotiations.

The analysts say the company's higher

And Its Woes

By Lawrence Malkin International Herald Tribune

NEW YORK - Buffered by competition and the downdraft of a weak economy, UAL, one of America's Big Three airlines, has devised a new way for the industry to deal with its problems: hand them over to its employees. But will it fly?

Competitors of United Air Lines, industry analysts and senior officials of the Clinton administration were divided, but they are likely to see a test of their theories if stockholders and rank-and-file workers approve the deal struck by UAL directors and leaders of its two main unions to turn the airline into the largest employee-owned company in the United States.

The deal with the pilots and machinists union, which was approved by UAL's board Wednesday, involves the 77,000 U.S. employees that United expects to have when and if the accord is completed in the spring. They would accept a 20 percent cut in wages and benefits for a period of at least six years in exchange for 53 percent of the stock in UAL Corp., the airline's parent.

The stock would be deposited in a blocked account known as an Employee Stock Ownership Plan - ESOP for short - which collects dividends and can be withdrawn only on leaving the company or retiring. Because of U.S. laws covering ESOPs, United's 6,000 employces abroad are not eligible.

year and its stock price goes up by one-third, the employees' stake may increase by a further 10 percent — not an impossibility because airline performance is already improving along with the U.S. economy. The industry moved from a \$1.25 billion loss in the second quarter of this year to a \$1.3 billion profit in the third

If the airline's performance improves in a

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Hamas Offers Cease-Fire, 'Giving a Chance' to Rabin

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches GAZA CHY, Israch-Occupied Gaza Strip — The Istamic Resistance Movement, or Ha-mas, announced for the first time on Thursday a unilateral three-day cease-fire to give Israel a chance to reciprocate

The armed wing of Hamas in the occupied territories, Ezzedin Kassam, said in a statement. issued in Gaza that it would halt attacks from

Thursday until Sunday. "We are giving a chance" to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to order the Israeli Army to

Israelis and the PLO will meet in Cairo after talks in Paris failed. Page 7.

cease fire, said Hamas, which is opposed to the accord between Israel and the Palestine Libera-tion Organization on limited Palestinian auton-

omy in the occupied territories. Meanwhile, a small bomb planted near the Church of Nativity in Bethlehem was defused on Thursday by the Israeli Army, military sources said it was muclear who placed the device, a pipe bomb, in Manger Square the night before Christmas Eve celebrations.

Hamas called on Mr. Rabin to announce on Israeli television that the army would not open fire on Palestinians and that it would disarm A Jewish settlers who are to leave the occupied territories in the next three months under the Israeli-PLO deal.

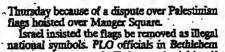
Hamas also called for the dissolution of the special Israeli Army units whose members are disguised as civilians and assigned to pursue wanted Palestinian activists. It further demanded the immediate freeing of about 11,000 Palesuman detainces.

The organization threatened to pursue its struggle until "the last soldier leaves Palestine" if its demands were not met.

The first Christmas celebrations in six years

in Bethichem, meanwhile, were in jeopardy

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threatened to cancel Christmas festivities if Israel took the flags down.

The square is next to the Church of the Nativity where tradition says Jesus was born. Thousands of Christian pilgrims and visitors from around the world were expected to pack the square Friday for Christmas Eve celebrations

Bethlehem's Palestinian mayor, Elias Freij, had announced that the city would hold lavish Christmas festivities for the first time since 1987, when the Palestinian uprising, or intifado, began. During the past six years, uprising activists permitted only religious observances. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the PLO

chief, Yasser Arafat, were drawn into the confrontation Thursday, with aides quoting both as yowing not to compromise.

El Fatah, Mr. Arafat's wing of the PLO, hoisted the flag up a five-meter pole outside City Hall on Tuesday. The Israelis were fuming

When the mist cleared the pole was bare and Palestinians were fuming. El Fatah accused the army but the Israeli authorities did not publicly admit doing the deed.

El Fatah activists climbed to the City Hall roof and unfurled two flags. But it was the pole

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Mension Katama/Annue Frante-Press A Palestinian flag being put up next to a Ouristmas tree in Bethlehem on Thursday.

occurring quickly signifies the differences be-tween North Korea and the United States are SEOUL - The United States and North Korea have narrowed their differences and are not very big." "They appear to have made progress, but some issues still remain," said Suk Ryul Yu, director-general of the South Korean Foreign Ministry's Department of National Security closer to agreement on UN inspections of North Korean nuclear installations, reports in the South Korean press said Thursday. A spokesman at the State Department in and Unification Studies. Washington confirmed only that the two sides One unresolved issue is a U.S. insistence that

had conducted an unscheduled meeting in New York on Wednesday at U.S. request, but would not characterize the session. He said the United States intended to pursue

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its contacts with North Korea at the same level, between Ho Jong, a member of the North Korean delegation to the United Nations, and Thomas C. Hubbard, a deputy assistant secretary of state.

The Yonhap news agency, in a dispatch from Washington, quoted diplomatic sources as say-ing after the latest meeting that North Korea had displayed more flexibility, but failed to give "a definite yes" to full inspection of nuclear

talks on Monday that resulted in enough progress to warrant another session in New York

North Korea has previously refused to allow international inspections of suspect nuclear sites, reinforcing suspicions that it is developing nuclear weapons, which it denies.

shortages.

Yonhap quoted a senior South Korean official as saying that at the latest "contact," the Americans had stipulated that the resumption of an inter-Korean dialogue on the nuclear issue and meaningful negotiations were a pre-condition to a overall solution. President Kim Young Sam of South Korea,

meanwhile, asked Secretary-General Butros Butros Ghali of the UN in Seoul on Thursday to convey international concern to North Ko-

North Korea made a counterproposal in on Wednesday, South Korean officials said.

Clinton to Release

"You could say there are forward move-ments." Yonhap quoted a senior official as saying. "The very fact that the contacts are

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bill Clinton instructed his personal attorney Thursday to give the Justice Department all documents relating to his investment in an Arkansas real estate partnership that has Wig Disguised Castro's Fleeing Daughter

Alina Fernández Revuelta, who has long been estranged from her father and refers to him as a "tyrant," fled her homeland Monday, leaving her teenage daughter behind. She was flown to Spain and was granted political asylum by the United States.

"Yon have to realize the desperation it takes to turn a person's core to iron to withstand the hardship of escape and the possibilities that there may be no hope of seeing your child again," she said Thursday.

The Associated Press COLUMBUS, Georgia — Fidel Castro's daughter said Thursday that she had used a wig and faked Spanish passport to sneak out of Cuba and detect to the United States. Alina Fernández Pennalte

"I dream of going back there, of going any-where," she said last year. "But I'll never be able to leave, like a lot of other people here." The Chinton administration, exile groups and members of Congress all agreed her departure reflected the difficult conditions in Cuba.

The State Department called her defection "one more illustration of the lack of freedom and lack of hope which pervade Cuba today." Representative Lincoln Diaz Balart, Repub-

lican of Florida, a native of Cuba, said it is very symbolic of the national consensus in Cuba" against Mr. Castro.

During the 1980s, Mrs. Fernandez was denied permission to emigrate with her husband. a Mexican who eventually returned to his country alone.

The former fashion model had been living quietly with her daughter in Havana.

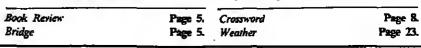
She once told Andres Oppenheimer, who wrote a book about Mr. Castro: "What do I think about Cuba's socialism? I used to believe in it when I was very little. But now, Cuban socialism is a dead-end street. In my mind, I associate it with economie collapse, with food

been linked to a failed savings and loan that is under federal investigation. "The president has voluntarily decided to release these documents for whatever relevance they may have to any Department of Justice law enforcement inquiries," the White House communications director. Mark

Gearan, said. He said the order covered "all documents relating to the Whitewater Development Corp.," the real estate venture in which the Clintons were partners.

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News Corp.'s STAR TV bought 49.9 percent of an Indian cable broadcaster. Page 11. Four Italian construction companies are planning to merge. Page 13.



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Serbs and Croats Halt Aid Convoys In Bosnia, UN Says

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches ZAGREB, Croatia - Bosnian Serbs and Croats have halted aid convoys to more than 1.5 million people trapped by war in much of Bosnia, the United Nations said on Thursday.

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They have "basically stopped our activities in Sarajevo, central Bosnia, eastern Bosnia and Bihac," said Alemka Lisinski, spokeswoman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees

"It is against all commitments made by the parties at the highest levels," she said. "The situation is at the very least deeply worrying. There is a dramatic need for aid

Slobodan Lovrenovic, a spokes-

Discussions On Partition Collapse

Computed by Our Staff From Dispatches BRUSSELS -- Negotiations between leaders of Bosnia's warring parties collapsed Thursday, and the leader of the Bosnian Serbs threatened to proclaim his own state unless Muslims accepted his peace

Radovan Karadzic said after the talks that the Serbs had met the European Community demand to give Muslims one-third of Bosnia in a future union of three autonomous republics. But, he said, since the Muslims had rejected it, the Serbs would proclaim their "own sovereign state" on the 70 percent they now hold.

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"Now we don't see any reason for a union," Mr. Karadzic said. adding that the deadline for Muslims to accept the Serbian proposal was Jan. 15, when the leaders of Bosnian Muslims, Serbs and Croats are to meet again in Geneva. In rejecting a Croat-Serb offer, the Muslim-led government said the "quality" of the offered land was not satisfactory.

The Bosnian delegate to the United Nations, Muhamed Sacirbey, played down Mr. Karadzie's threat, saying that when the leaders meet in Geneva, the Serbs will have to offer better territory.

But after the talks, the European Community mediator, Lord Owen. said the Bosnian Croats, Serbs and Muslims agreed to enforce a ceasefire, starting Thursday, until the new round of talks in Geneva.

new round of talks in Geneva. "There is no need for pessimism if - it's a very big if -- if the cease-Ethiopian opposition groups have transitional government of Presi-dent Meles Zenawi illegitimate. as Mariam in 1991, while the opposifire holds," Lord Owen said,

Mate Bohan, said the closure "is not to be judged a political decision." and a change of Croatian attitude toward safe delivery of aid. He said the halt likely would last several days.

Rebel Serbs were already obstructing UN convoys to Muslim enclaves in eastern Bosnia and blocking road deliveries into Sarajevo when the Bosnian Croats dealt the worst hlow - closing Bosnia's western border from Croatia.

The Croats said the border was sealed temporarily in a step pro-voked by escalating attacks on Croats by troops of the Muslim-led

Bosnian Army. UN humanitarian officials said that meant that more than a million people — Muslims and Croats — in areas already gravely short of food, medicine and proper shelter would be deprived of relief sup-

Earlier on Thursday, a UN refugee official in Sarajevo said Bosni-an Serbs had cut land links under their control to the capital, forcing the UN to mount a special airlift to

the city on Christmas Day. In Sarajevo, Bosnian Serbs on Thursday marked the start of what was to be a Christmas truce with the crack of sniper rifles and thud of shells that killed at least six and wounded 55 persons.

Thursday's shelling and sniping followed two days of the most intense shelling of Sarajevo in two months.

nia-Herzegovina reflects continuing discus-

sions among analysts and not the settled judgment of the agency. A CIA spokesman described the document

as an unclassified memorandum summariz-

ing various arguments made at a symposium

this month by government intelligence spe-cialists and academic experts on the Balkans.

The article describing the document was pub-

lished in Thursday's editions of the Interna-

tional Herald Tribune.

By Jennifer Parmelee

called for a new government to lead

On a copy of the document given to a Times reporter on Monday, the heading and a footnote are obscured and a final page is WASHINGTON - The Central Intelligence Agency says that a document described in a New York Times article as embodying the agency's conclusions on the crisis in Bos-

CIA Says Bosnia Views Still in Debate

A copy of the document supplied by Kent Harrington, the CIA's director of public af-fairs, bears the beading "National Intelli-gence Council — Symposium Notes, 3 De-cember 1993" and a fontnote that says in part. "The views expressed in this memorandum do not necessarily reflect the views of the National Intelligence Council or the intelligence community.

The article said the CIA had concluded that the economic embargo imposed on Ser-bia 18 months ago was likely to deteriorate

some of its participants have done tion includes members of the now

and that the West would probably have to accept the ethnic partition of Bosnia. It cited

Both the Bush and the Clinton administrations have backed UN senctions against Serbia to punish it for its role and have backed an integral Bosnia. A CIA conclusion to the contrary would therefore open a significant gulf between the agency and the White House, but Mr. Harrington insisted that no

He said that the National Intelligence Council was focusing on Bosnia and that the Dec. 3 symposium was part of that process.

several passages from the symposium notes to support those generalizations.

such judgment had been reached.

the steps of the government's new \$160 million parliament building. Water stood a meter deep on Ethiopia Opposition Vows 'Struggle' Beijing Fires streets close to the river and flooded portions of the U.S. ambassador's residence. Several other **Aviation Boss** U.S. officials were forced to evacuate their homes. **After Crashes**

Officials in northern France described the floods as the worst this century. Hundreds were evacuated as the Oise, Meuse and Moselle

WORLD BRIEFS High Water Continues IRA Delays Response to Peace Bid BELFAST (AP) - The Irish Republican Army declared a 72-bour Christmas cease-fire on Thursday; but put off a decision on British and Rampage

In Europe

By Rick Atkinson

Washington Post Service BERLIN - The worst flooding

More than a week of rain

touched off the deluge, which at-fected the Rhine, the Danube and smaller rivers in Germany, France, Belgium and the Netherlands. Offi-

cials placed preliminary, damage es-timates in the tens of millions of

dollars and predicted that some re-gions would remain under water on

At least five people in Germany were missing and feared drowned,

according to news reports. In Ko-blenz, where the Mosel River emp-

ties into the Rhine, officials report-

ed that one-quarter of the city was

under water in what was described as a 100-year flood. An estimated 4,000 houses were

swamped - some with water

reaching the second story - and

tens of thousands of people were without elecuncity or gas. At least 1,000 residents who refused evacu-

ation were being supplied with

food and potable water by boat, a scene repeated elsewhere in the riv-

er valley. About 150 kilomters (90 miles)

down the Rhine in Cologne, the

river surged over an emergency flood wall erected Wednesday

night, flooding the medieval old town with waist-deep water. City officials estimated that 25,000 peo-ple were affected by the flooding.

the Rhine and Mosel appeared to

have crested barring more heavy

rains, although emergency officials

in Cologne expected water would not recede below the critical 10-

meter (33-foot) level until Friday

flood disaster official said. "We

In Bonn, where the Rhine climbed to 10 meters above flood

stage, eclipsing the old high-water mark set in 1926, water happed at

now have things under control."

The situation has stabilized," a

Christmas morning.

Christimas cease-fire on Inurstay, out put of a treatment of prints and Irish terms for ending its armed campaign. The brief cease-fire has been expected, atthough there had been some hopes the outlawed organization would call a longer halt this year, in response to the "framework for peace" announced last week by Prime Minister John Major of Britain and Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of

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Ireland. They called for a permanent end to IRA violence, and offered its They cannot for a permanent cut to 1KA vancher, and offered its political allies a place in negotiations on the future of the province. The IRA statement said: "As of midnight December 23, and for the 72 hours thereafter, active service units of the IRA across the occupied six counties will temporarily suspend military operations."

BERLIN — The worst Boomg in more than 60 years spread pre-Christmas misery across Western Europe on Thursday as rampaging rivers cnt power supplies, swamped roadways and rail lines and forced thousands to flee their homes.

Rühe Rejects Using Army as Police BONN (Renters) — The German defense minister, Volker Rihe, on Thursday rejected a proposal by one of Chancellor Helmat Kohl's chief aides who had suggested the army could be used to uphold domestic security

security. "We should continue in the future to separate internal and external security, the police and the army," Mr. Rühe told the newspaper Bild. He was the most senior critic to date of the idea raised by Wolfgang Schauble, parliamentary leader of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats. Mr. Rihe is also a member of the party. Critics have accused Mr. Schänble of pandering to far-right extrem

by proposing that the law be amended to allow the army to deal with internal security.

Ukraine Seizes Radioactive Material

KIEV (Reuters) - Ukrainian police officers have seized 300 grams of ighly radioactive material and arrested six people trying to smuggle it abroad, the Interior Ministry said on Thursday. The material, worth about \$1 million, could contaminate an area of

several square kilometers, a ministry spokesman said. He said the

material square knowness, a ministry spottential take the material was now in safe storage. The spokesman was unable to clarify what the material was or say which country the smugglers had intended taking it to. "These six had weapons, large sums of money and fake documents," he said. They were caught in a police raid in the Black Sea port of Odessa last week.

China Sees Improvement in U.S. Ties

BELIING (AFP) - China-U.S. ties have shown signs of unprovement

since the meeting last month between President Jang Zemin and President Bill Clinton, a Foreign Ministry spokesman and Thursday. Since the summit meeting in Seattle, "the development of commin and trade relations between the two countries has been increasing," Wu Jianmin said. There have been "quite a few diplomatic contacts" in the last month, he added.

China-U.S. relations took a battering during the summer with disputes over several issues, including arms sales and haman rights. Mr. Clinton has linked renewal of China's most-favored-nation trading status to an improvement in Beijing's human rights record.

including scores who were evacual-ed with dinghies from the narrow streets below the city's cathedral. **Cambodia and Rebels in Secret Talks** German disaster officials said

PHNOM PENH (AP) - Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh disclosed Thursday that he had held secret peace talks with the Kinner Rouge gnerrilla group. He would not specify what he discussed with Khien Samphan of the Khiner Rouge last Friday, when Prince Ramariddh

stopped over in Thailand en route to China. Prince Ranariddh said they exchanged proposals and that he took the various suggestions to Beijing to present to his father, King Norodom Sihamouk, who is being treated for cancer in Beijing. Prince Ranariddh said he shared Mr. Khien Samphan's proposals with

the National Assembly president, Chen Sim, and the second prime minister, Hun Sen. Prince Ranariddh said he would send their responses to Mr. Khien Samphan. "I cannot tell you more than this because Khieu Samphan proposed that it is better to keep it secret and proceed step by step

President Wins Election in Guinea

CONAKRY, Guinea (Remers) - President Lansana Come has won the country's first multiparty elections, final results minounced Thursday showed. Interior Minister Alseny Read Gonez said General Conté took 50.93 percent of the vote in last Smiday's polling to win outright in the first round. "

General Conte took power in a coup in 1984 and allowed opposition parties only last year. His nearest rival in the election was Alpia Conde of the Guinean Popular Assembly, who polled 20.85 percent, followed by Manadou Ba of the Union of the New Republic with 13.11 percent and Siradiou Diallo of the Renewal and Progress Party with 11.64 percent. At least three civilians and one soldier were killed in election violence on Sunday and several people were wounded after General Conté ignored calls from opposition and other leaders to postpose the balloting.

(Reuters, AP) A wounded Croatian talking with his girliriend in an improvised hospital in Vitez, Bosnia.

man for the Bosnian Croat leader.

Although Lord Owen said be the country to its first free elections hoped there could be a peace settle- and promised a struggle if the call ment then, he stressed that this is ignored. could happen only if the belligerents showed political will.

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But a conference statement said the government's mandate, set by a transitional national charter in July 1991, must be challenged because it

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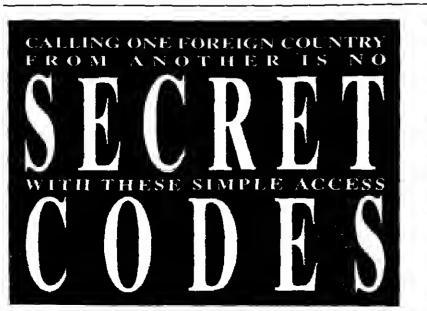
YEAR-END U.S. STOCK MARKET ROUND-UP

On January 10, 1994, the IHT will carry an 8-page editorial feature that sums up the past year's activities in the U.S. stock markets.

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The Meles government is domi-

representatives of ethnic groups. Mr. Meles has said Ethiopia's first free elections for a constituent assembly will be held in May, with general elections to be held after the new parliament adopts a constitution now being drafted. He said

he expects the electoral process to be completed by the end of 1994. Western governments, including the United States, have urged the Meles government to extend the transition period to guard against a repeat of rushed local elections in lune last year that were marred by allegations of abuse and harass-

ment of opposition groups. An opposition conference spokesman, Taye Assefaw, said a "Council of Alternative Forces on Peace and Democracy" would be formed to help set up a government. He said free and fair elections could not be beld in a political climate he described as "undemocratic," and that the group would try to convince the Meles govern-

ment to work with it. "None of us is going to raise a gun to' the heads of government officials "and say 'step down," said Mr. Taye. "But what we are asking is on what legal basis can they stay on? There is no provision in the charter for another exten-

sion, so naturally the government's legitimacy will end Jan. 15." The group would pursue a "strat-

BELIING - China removed its civil aviation chief on Thursday following a year of air disasters and mounting concern that poor supervision was croding passenger safe-

Jiang Zhuping, director of the Civil Aviation Administration, was demoted to deputy director and re-placed hy Chen Guangyi, the offi-cial Xinhua news agency reported. The State Council also cievated the post to a cabinet-level position. Mr. Chen, 60, is a member of the

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chief in coastal Fujian province. He has a background as an engineer specializing in electrical motors. No official reason was given for

Mr. Jiang's demotion. But aviation circles have been filled with rumors that he would be made a scapegoal for a series of crashes and for fail-ing to maintain safety standards. This year was one of the worst on

record for the agency. Nearly 70 people died in at least three air crashes, and a record nine airliners have been hijacked to Taiwan since

Last year 276 people died in a series of accidents over a fourmonth period late in the year.

Passenger loads have been in-creasing about 20 percent a year, and China's estimated 39 airlines have been adding aircraft in an effort to keep up with demand.

rivers topped their banks. An elderly French woman reportedly drowned when her home near the Belgian border was inundated by water from the Meuse. In central Paris, the Seine was

flooding the riverfront expressway. Rail lines and roadways were re-portedly cut in a number of places in Western Europe, including the Paris-Brussels rail line. Shipping was halted on the Rhine, the principal north-south commercial waterway in Europe, and was not expect

Kohl Trails Opposition In Poll, 53-37

Agence France-Presse BONN — Chancellor Hel-mut Kohl is trailing the Social Democrat opposition leader, Rudolf Scharping, in the latest opinion poll on next October's general election.

In the poll, for German public service television, only 37 percent wanted to see Mr. Kohl retain his post, while 53 percent favored Mr. Scharp-ing, figures released Thursday showed.

Mr. Kohl was "politically finished," according to 56 per-cent of those polled, and 68 percent felt that government measures to tackle unemployment were inadequate.

A general election now would see the Social Democrats easily ahead with up to 46 percent of the vote compared with 33 or 34 percent for the Christian Democrats.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Hong Kong Forced to Scrap Flights

HONG KONG (Renters) — Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport has reached saturation and hundreds of flights will be turned away in coming months, a Civil Aviation Department spokesman said Thursday. The measure will cost the territory millions of dollars in lost tourism

receipts, industry officials said. "The airport's capacity has reached saturation," surpassing 24 million passengers, the spokesman said. The new multibillion dollar airport at Chep Lap Kok, off the outying

Lentau island, is unlikely to be completed by 1997 because China is refusing to approve Britain's proposed financing arrangement. At least 336 weekly lights, representing 11 percent of traffic, will be scrapped, he said.

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Flash floods in southern Israel killed two people, sent a stream of toxic chloride toward the nature reserve of Ein Gedi and dashed tourist hopes of driving to the Eilat resort for Christmas. Hotels along the Dead Sca were without electricity for several hours. The waters swept up chloride leaking from a vat at a scwage treatment plant in the West Bank, sending the poison into a stream flowing toward the nature reserve.

Aeroflot became the first international carrier apart from El Al to fly directly to Jerusalem airport in the castern part of the city. Transport Minister Israel Kessar welcomed 120 Russian pilgrins who arrived from Moscow on board an Aeroflot plane to celebrate Christmas. Other carriers have refused to use the airport, since no country recognizes the Israeli annexation of East Jerusalem.

Buses in Athens began to return to streets Thursday as their owners gave up a weeklong strike and allowed government-hired drivers to take over their vehicles. Owners began an indefinite strike a week earlier to protest a Socialist government law renationalizing the capital's 1.500 buses. But on Wednesday they agreed to hand over their vehicles in exchange for money owed to them by the government. (AP)

A Russian diphtheria epidemic, which has claimed 300 lives this year, has reached the island of Sakhalin in the Far East, health anthorities said Thursday. Two people have died in Kholmsk in the southern part of the island and another 58 are hospitalized, according to Itar-Tass. Russia recorded 10,000 cases between January and October. (AFP)

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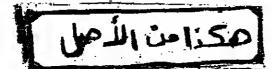
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By Susan Schmidt Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON --- Senior Republicans in Congress are urging further investigation into dealings by President Bill Clinton and his wife with a defunct Arkansas savings and loan, and into the circumstances surrounding the suicide last summer of the deputy White House counsel, Vincent W. Foster Jr.

Representative Jim Leach of Iowa, the ranking Republican on the House Banking Committee, called on Attorney General Janet Reno on Wednesday to appoint a special counsel to take over a Justice Department investigation of Madison. Guaranty Savings & Loan and the Whitewater Development Corp., a real estate venture that was jointly owned by the Clin-tons and Madison's owner. Mr. Clinton ended his dealings with Whitewater some time before he became president.

In the Senate, the minority leader. Boh Dole of Kansas, joined Al-lonse M. D'Amrto of New York, the ranking Republican on the Banking Committee, in asking the committee chairman, Donald W. Riegle Jr. of Michigan, for a hear-ing into Madison and Whitewater. Mr. Dole said questions about the Clintons' dealings with the two concerns "need ventilating." Mr. Riegle made no comment on whether he would conduct such a hearing.

A file on Whitewater was discovered in Mr. Foster's office after he killed himself on July 20. It was turned over to the Clintons' per-sonal attorney, David E. Kendall; by the White House counsel, Bernard. W. Nussbaum.

Mr. Clinton told wire service reporters in an interview Wednesday that he did not know what was in the file, but if Justice Lagar and investigators wanted to see it, We'll do what we can to cooper-

The Foster file, Mr. Clinton said, "related to work he had dooe before he came to work at the White House on our behalf.

"There was never any indication that anyone wanted to see it. Obviously if anybody wants to - feels that there's some relevance to any. ongoing investigation, we'll do what we can to cooperate."

But, Mr. Clinton said in response to a question. "I have no reason to, believe at this time that anybody, thinks there's anything in there rela-



Hillary Clinton serving cookies during her husband's interview with the Arkansas press corps.

Troopers in Contradiction

One Swears Clinton Never Offered Jobs for Silence

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

LITTLE ROCK, Arkansas - An Arkansas state trooper declared in an affidavit Thursday that neither he nor his colleagues were offered jobs by President Bill Clinton in return for their silence, contradicting a key allegation by two other state troopers who said they had helped arrange extramarital affairs for Mr. Clinton when he was gover-TIOT.

In another development relating to allegations of sexual misconduct by Mr. Clinton, a woman who had many phone conversations with Mr. Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas says that Mr. Clinton was an old friend and that there was no sex between them, a newspaper reported Thurs-

day. The Daily News of New York said the 46-yearold woman, who asked not to be identified, called allegations of an affair with Mr. Clinton "a lie." Telephone records show nearly 60 calls by Mr.

Clinton over a two-year period. But the woman said the president was helping her through a personal crisis.

"He's an old friend of mine," the newspaper quoted the woman as saying from her home in a Little Rock suburb.

In the affidavit, Danny Ferguson, an Arkanses state trooper, said, "President Clinton never offered or indicated a willingness to offer any trooper a job in exchange for silence or help in shaping their stories."

However, in an interview Wednesday night with the Los Angeles Times, Mr. Ferguson repeated an carlier statement to the Times that Mr. Clinton had discussed with him a possible federal job for Ferguson said, Mr. Clinton was trying to find out what public disclosures that the one of troopers, Roger Perry, planned to make.

Asked by the Times if Mr. Clinton expressly said the jobs would he offered if the troopers remained silent, Mr. Ferguson said: "He didn't say those words '

Mr. Perry and Larry Patterson, and their attorney, Cliff Jackson, have said Mr. Clinton offered jobs to troopers in exchange for silence about his lleged affairs with various women. Articles in the Los Angeles Times and the American Spectator

contained this allegation. The White House acknowledged this week that. Mr. Clinton had spoken recently with members of his old Arkansas security detail, but the White House said the calls were proper and Mr. Clinton

House said the calls were proper and Mr. Culton denied he made any job offers. Robert Batton, Mr. Ferguson's attorney, sup-ported the White House's story. Mr. Batton said his client did speak by phone with Mr. Clinton in early September and inquired whether the president received a memo from Mr. Penry requesting a position on one of the president's councils on drugs.

Mr. Clinton was unaware of such a request, Mr. Batton said, but he added that he would try to track down Mr. Perry's request and asked Mr. Ferguson to get in touch with Mr. Perry to find out the content of the memo and to get back in touch Mr. Clinton. Mr. Batton said no further discussions took place.

Mr. Jackson said in response that his clients "stand by their full story, specifically the calls from Bill Clinton to Danny Ferguson offering a job both

MIT Earns Right to Share Data **On Students**

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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, FRIDAY-SATURDAY-SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24-25-26, 1993

By William H. Honan New York Tumes Service NEW YORK - The Massachu

setts Institute of Technology will be permitted to sbare limancial aid information with other universities and establish guidelines on interpreting the data under an antitrust settlement with the Justice Depart-

The settlement ended more than four years of legal battles in which the government contended that MIT and the eight Ivy League colleges had violated price-fixing-laws. In the practice that was challenged, the universities traded information about how much financial aid they were offering to students accepted at more than one institution. When differences were found, the amounts were occasionally averaged so that all universities involved would offer an exactly similar financial package. Although the Ivy League col-

leges had signed a consent decree pledging to abandon the practice, under terms of the settlement, they will be permitted to share information in a computer network giving them access to the assets, income, number of family members and other data for students they have commonly admitted.

While they would not see the amount of financial aid offered student-hy-student, the competing universities could discuss general guidelines for scholarships. An auditor would review scholarship information and report gross imbal-ances to the other institutions. Many academic observers said that MIT, in Cambridge. Massachuseus, had won a significant victory. Sheldon E. Steinbach, general counsel of the American Council on Education, a Washington-based organization representing 1,700 colleges and universities, said:

They are able to continue their financial aid procedures undergirded by a policy in which an applicant's ability to pay was not con-sidered in making the decision to admit," "If you told me two years ago

that we could have achieved this, I'd have said you're dreaming," said a source close to the MIT legal tcam.

But a Justice Department official said: "They got a safe harbor - an alternate mechanism that permits them to detect gross deviations, but doesn't allow them to determine discrepancies on a per-student basis. They're not going to be sharing information about every award.

POLITICAL NOTES

White House Whittles the Budget

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration in February will propose a federal budget for the next fiscal year that has a deficit "in the vicinity of \$190 billion." the White House budget director

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says. Leon E. Panetta said the administration bad been able to bring the deficit figure down to that level by making "a number of very tough decisions involving cuts across the board." in keeping with a freeze on discretionary spending voted by Con-

Speaking at a news conference, Mr. Panetta said severe cuts, including an administration plan to phase out operating subsidies for mass transit, were needed to pay for increases in programs that President Bill Clinton classifies as "investment."

These include spending for the broad anti-crime bill that is expected to win final Congressional approval early next year, health research, child immunization, job training, clean-water enforcement, child welfare, national service and education.

The deficit projection that Mr. Panetta offered Wednesday for the next fiscal year, which will hegin Oct. 1, is about \$60 hillion below the White House's estimate for the current year. It is also below the \$200.4 hillion that was projected only three months ago as next year's deficit. An administration official said that the difference was attributable to improved economic assumptions. (NYT)

Another Ickes In Washington

WASHINGTON - Harold Ickes will join the White House as deputy chief of staff and take on the job of coordinating efforts to pass President Clinton's bealth care plan, the White House said. Mr. Ickes, a New York labor lawyer and the son of Franklin D. Roosevelt's interior secretary, Har-

Away From Politics

· Washington's infant death rate, chronically the worst in the nation, improved last year to its lowest level in a decade, in part because fewer teenagers had babies, health officials in the capital said Wednesday, The 1992 rate was 18.3 infants for every thousand births, compared with 20,2 the year

• Alarmed by a surge in Florida juvenile crime, including recent attacks on tourists across the state, local governments are moving to impose curfews on teenagers, brushing aside serious reservations on the part of police departments and protests from civil liberties groups and young peo-

· Abortions for Montana girls under 18 will no longer be subject to parental notification. Judge James Battin of U.S. District Court in Billings, Montana. signed an injunction barring enforcement of a Montana law requiring such notification.

U.S. May Trim **Prison Sentence** Of Spy for Israel Washington Post Service

• A rise in U.S. postal charges in 1995 may be in the works. The Postal Service is considering a proposal that could raise the cost of a first-class letter to 32 cents in 1995, from 29 cents. • People with slightly elevated systolic blood pres-sure, the higher of the two blood pressure readings. are at increased risk of developing full-fledged

old L. Ickes, managed Mr. Climm's New York primary and the Democratic convention. He is known as a tough political dealer. Mr. Ickes has no

formal health care policy expertise. "I've been to the doctor a couple of times," be said, "My exper-tise is political in nature."

structure, the recently appointed deputy chief of staff. Philip Lader, runs operations and will try to

bring more order to the policy-making process.

Mr. Ickes will oversee the political office as well as

Ira C. Magaziner, the White House adviser, will

George Stephanopoulos will concentrate on get-ting the plan through Congress, as will the new congressional liaison, Pat Griffin. (*WP*)

140,000 Managerial Jobs to Go

WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration

expects to cut 140,000 jobs from the government's

management ranks as it seeks to reduce the federal

work force by 252.000 positions over the next five

The remainder of the workforce reduction -

112,000 nonmanagerial jobs - would come from categories that Vice President Al Gore's National

Performance Review officials have labeled "cen-

Asked what the biggest surprise was during his first year in office, President Clinton said: "I think

my higgest surprise, in a negative sense was that -

I shouldn't have been surprised by it - is that

coming here from another place and another way

of doing things, there really is a Washington cul-ture here that, on the one hand, needs to be

changed, but on the other hand, has to be dealt

with if you want in get anything done." (.AP)

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Thursday that bolsters the emerging theory. Claudia Barreto and colleagues at the University of Wisconsin report in Friday's issue of the journal Science that cells within the dinosaur's growth plates, which are located near the ends of bones and which help manufacture bone, resemble those in chickens but are very different from those in contemporary reptiles and mammals. WP, NYT, AP. Reuters

TOYS: The Store That Couldn't

Continued from Page I Schwarz must contend with competitors who can and often do undersell it. "It's the classic problem of how

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A Justice Department official said he knew of no subpoena issued for the file. But, he said, "We expect to obtain all relevant evidence."

Three Justice Department prose cutors were sent to Little Rock, Arkansas, in late October to contimue an investigation into Madi-son and Whitewater that was begun by the federal Resolution Trust Corp., the U.S. agency that over-sees the failed S&L corporations. Wednesday in New York. Suspected activities at Madison cited by the agency were misuse of Madison funds for the benefit of local politicians and Mr. Clinton's

1984 Arkansas gubernatoriai cam-In his letter to Ms. Reno, Mr.

Leach said he wanted to ensure. that any documents removed from Mr. Foster's office were not destroyed. Mr. Leach and Republicans on the House Banking Com-mittee have begun an investigation

of their own and sent staff members to Little Rock this week.

New York Three Service 82, an authority on labor whose sia so that he could buy Siberian articles and editorials ran in The New York Times for more than relocated in Berlin to await visas.

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father, Henry Raskin, a fur trader, the Japanese surrender at Singa-NEW YORK - A.H. Raskin, decided to spend some time in Rus- pore in 1945, died Tuesday in Melrose in southern Scotland.

furs. Thus, the family temporarily David HL Gillespie, 53, a genetic researcher who advanced the understanding of cancer, AIDS and other diseases, died Sunday in an professor at Hahnemann University in Philadelphia. Ivan Kozlovsky, 93, a celebrated

A.H. Raskin, N.Y. Times Expert on Labor, Dies

Nixon Griffis, 76, a conservasources. tionist, trustee of the New York Zoological Society and former owner of Brentano's book stores, died Friday in Eric, Pennsylvania, after a long illness.

Natalia Sats, 90, a music teacher auto accident near his home in and director of the Moscow Opera Glenmore, Pennsylvania. He was a and Ballet Theater for Children since its opening in 1965, has died, Itar-Tass reported Tuesday.

Guy des Cars, 82, a best-selling Russian tenor, died Tuesday, Itar-French author since the 1940s. died Tass reported. He joined the Bol-Shoi Theater in 1926 and soon be-Count des Cars, he became known Some said they believed he was labor writer and analyst, he said, came its leading soloist. Among the as Guy des Cars and started out as especially searching when writing "could I accept with equanimity many parts he performed were ajournalist before going on to write Lensky in Tchaikovsky's "Eugene about 60 novels. His popular, sent-Onegin," Alfred in Verdi's "La mental works sold 72 million Traviata," and Lohengrin in Wag- copies in one paperback collection alone.

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The White House said Thursday that no decision would be made until after the New Year. luck than its predecessors in solv-

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But the U.S. Jewish community has said Mr. Pollard was treated time." unfairly and should be released immediately. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel asked Mr. Clinton last fall in look in in the matter. Mr. Pollard, a former U.S. naval intelligence analyst, began spying for Is-rael in the mid-1980s.

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Schwarz's sixth owner, the increase the amount of business Dutch retailer Bijenkorf, known as Schwarz does outside the holiday KBB, has so far bad little better season.

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LONDON - If you are a European, you end 1993 with an unexpectedly bernmed-in feel-

ing. Only the other day, it seems, the world had

looked so wonderfully wide open. The collapse of communism had cleared the eastern horizon. The defeat of Saddam Hussein had removed another

cloud farther south. Yet now the sky has gone dark

again, in both directions. If you are a European looking to the east or to the south — the two vulnerable flanks of Europe, the two sides from which danger has always ap-proacbed — you find yourself wondering with some trepidation what 1994 is going to bring. The danger to the east, so belatedly recognized this December by the wishful thinkers of Europe, may not be quite as bad as some of those shocked recognistic thinkers are now paying it is

Vladimir Zhirinovsky and the embittered peo-ple he led into Russia's election oo Dec. 12 are

not a nice phenomenon, but they are probably not a oew Nazism. Mr. Zhirinovsky, from what

he tells us about himself, does not really have the

demonic drive of another Hitler. The Russians of

the 1990s are oot the Germans of the 1930s, a

superbly efficient people ready to believe they were a Master Race. Most important, the 1990s

are not the 1930s. Fascism has bappened: It has shown its terrible face, and been terribly defeat-

ed. One does oot easily persuade another people

Even so, something deeply uncomfortable is

appening in Russia - uncomfortable for the

Russians, and for the rest of Europe, It will be a long time before Russia's economy settles into steady growth and its politics into the calm give-and-take of democracy. The Russians will no doubt get there in the end: It is melodramatic to

believe that there is something in the Russian char-

acter, or in Russia's circumstances, which makes it

to volunteer for that experience.

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Release the Foster Files

The White House is threatening to claim lawyer-client privilege to block the release of documents that, it oow concedes, were removed from the office of Vincent Foster, a senior White House official. The files might provide useful information to federal investigators and the public about a controversial real estate transaction involving Bill Clinton and the owner of a failed Arkansas savings and loan association. They might also shed light on Mr. Foster's suicide.

Those are two good reasons why they belong in the public domain, not in the hands of Mr. Clinton's lawyers. Since early in the 1992 campaign, Mr. Clinton and his spokesmen have dodged full disclosure about his and his wife's investment in Whitewater Development Corp. and their relationship with James McDougal, Mr. McDougal was their partner in Whitewater and the owner of Madison Guaranty, a Little Rock savings and loan shut down by the federal government in 1989.

The White House needs to atome for months of casuistry by releasing all relevant documents immediately. Meanwhile, it is incumbent on Attorney General Janet Reno and her deputy. Philip Heymann, to personally assume control of the Justice Department's inquiries into the savings and loan and the Foster snicide.

Furthermore, as a matter of professional reputation, they must insulate the investiga-tion from meddling by Webster Hubbell. Mr. Clinton's close friend and the No. 3 man in Justice, and Bernard Nussbaum, the White House counsel whose handling of the Foster files has once again demonstrated that he is a threat to the president's political health.

Federal investigators were interested in the contents of Mr. Foster's office from the moment his body was found July 20. Mr. Nuss-beum examined Mr. Foster's files in the presence of investigators on July 22. He did not allow them to read the papers and decided, on his own authority, that the files were irrelevant to their inquiries into Mr. Foster's death. The White House insisted that Mr. Nussbaum had conducted a "very thorough investigation" -

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despite Mr. Nussbaum's initial failure to notice the torn remnants of an anguished note from Mr. Foster in his briefcase. There matters stood until articles began to

appear saying that the Justice Department had revived its investigation into the collapse of the Arkansas savings and loan. The investigators were particularly interested in whether Madison's owner, Mr. McDougai, had improperly diverted money to prop up Whitewater. Since Mr. Foster had been the Clintons'

lawyer in the last stages of their Whitewater dealings, the investigators reasonably con-cluded that some of the files sequestered last July by Mr. Nussbaum might be useful in their inquiry. Yet as late as last Saturday, a senior White House official asserted that "we are oot aware that any law enforcement official is looking into the fact that a file relating to Whitewater or McDougal disappeared."

On Monday, battered by still more disclosures, a White House spokesman said that the files bad indeed included documents relating to the Clintons' investment in Whitewater and that Mr. Nussbaum had sent them to the Clintons' lawyer in Washington, David Kendall.

The Justice Department investigators have an obligation to examine those files, by suban obligation to examine those nices, by sub-poena if necessary. It may be that there is nothing damaging or even embarrassing in them. Indeed, in an angry interview Tuesday in which she defended her busband against recent allegations about his private life. Mrs. Clinton said she was "bewildered" about the continuing interest in the Clintons' relation-

ship with Mr. McDougal and Whitewater. One reason is that federal investigators suspect that Mr. Clinton, when governor, might have given Mr. McDougal favorable regulatory treatment that prolonged his savings and loan's life ultimately costing taxpayers \$60 million. But surely another reason hes in the White House's ongoing evasions over the past two years. That alone has left the impression that there is something untoward in these files, There is only one way to tell: Hand them over, -- THE NEW YORK TIMES.



A Worried Europe Watches East and South

By Brian Beedham

neo-nationalism is well below the level of Hitlerian Germany's, it will certainly cause problems for the people of Ukraine and Moldova and the Baltic countries. And that means problems for Poles and Hungarians and Czechs, which in turn means problems for Germany and the rest of Europe. When a Russian tells you he has special rights in his "near-abroad," look him in the eye and tell him he is talking about your near-abroad, too.

At least the danger in the east is now unignorable. The danger in the south is still only a niggle in the corner of most Europeans' consciousness. Yet the steadily expanding pressure of Islamic radical-ism is just as big a reason for European concern. This other cloud on Europe's borizon has many

causes. People in most Arab countries are increasingly angry about the poverty in which they live, as they discover that a growing number of people in other parts of the world are managing to escape from their own poverty.

These Arabs increasingly resent the corruption and incompetence of their rulers. They are attracted by the austere certainties of Islam's new evangelists, partly because religion offers an alternative to the misery of daily life, but also because these evangelists share their own disgust with corruptly incompetent governments. And angry Arabs are easily persuaded that it is all at bottom the fault of the rich, powerful, religiously alien West.

Whatever label you put on the mixture -- Islam-ic fundamentalism, revolutionary despair, Westo-phobia -- it is not hard to understand why it produces such explosive consequences, and why the explosion zone is widening.

This is the force which has produced something close to revolution in Algeria in the past two years, since the corruptly incompetent govern-ment there aborted an election that the Islamic Salvation Front was on the brink of winning. More than 3,000 people have been killed, and a large part of the 100,000 foreigners who used to live in

Algeria have been frightened out of the country. It is the force which in the same two-year period has broken Egypt's tourist industry by a skillful aign of anti-tourist terrorism. Even in relatively rich and theoretically devout Saudi Arabia.

the same force is now strong enough to challenge the government in public. The International Herald Tribune has reported worries in Washington that it may no longer be safe to assume the surviv-ability of the Saudi regime. To record these things is not to say that all, or any, of these three countries is about to succtimb to

adamentalist Westophobia. But the chances that one or two of them will do so are measurably greater than they were a couple of years ago. If they did go, Europe's southern flank would

suddenly become much more dangerous. Algeria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia are the three most powerful commiss of the Arab world apart from Iraq, which is already the West's enemy. Add two of them to the anti-Western camp, and Italy, Spain and Greece would be on the new from line of a trans-Mediterranean Cold War.

This is why Europe suddenly finds its eye flicking. uneasily from east to south and back again. Since modern Europe first began to take shape 1,300 years ago, it has sometimes felt itself in danger from the south, at other times from the east. By the end of the wars of the 19th century, it thought it had got its southern flank under control. By the end of the Cold War, it thought it had made its eastern flank safe

again. Now it is no longer sure, in either direction. It also knows that, if things are going doubly wrong, Europe itself is parily to blame. Europe's failure to do what was necessary in the former Yugoslavia --- to check the Serbs and protect the Bosmians - has had consequences to both east and south. It has encouraged men like Mr. Zhirinovsky to think that they, too, can beat the drum of nationalist expansion. And it has sharpened the anti-Western bitterness so many Muslims feel. As Europe looks worriedly around, it should look inside itself as well-

International Herald Tribune.

Personally, The People Don't Care

By Richard Cohen

WASHINGTON - Steven Spiel-berg has given us the movie "Schindler's List" The American Spectator has given us a list of its Own: two former Arkanses troopers who claim to have a list of Bill Clinton's girlfriends. As former members of the former governor's scentty detail, they say they not only ferried Mr. Clinton to and from his alleged assignations. they occasionally set up these meet-ings themselves. What would Mr. Schudler have made of these stories? He would have scaffed. As a man devoid of conventional morality, as a womanizer and the purveyor of bribes who was initially willing to exploit Jewish alave laborers in Nazi-compiled lewish since inforces in (var-occupied Poland, he might have argued that to try to judge a man by his personal monsity leads you nowhere. After all, Mr. Schindler became both the subject of a book and now the Spielberg movis because, in the end, he exhausted his forume and risked his fife to save the lives of some 1,100 Jews. Does it mat-ter that he chested on his wife?

ter that he cheated on his wher No. His personal morality gave not a him that at his core was a block of granite-like morality. That is because he operated in a certain context. It hardly mattered to the Nazis he bribed or the Jews he saved that Mr. Schindler cheated on his wife with countless women. First of all, Mr. Schindler was a European and there-fore had a different code of conduct. Second, and even more important, he lived in amoral times. He could, in fact, openly parade his mistresses. He was imaccountable because, really, there was no one to account to.

- U.S. politicians operate in a differ-ent context. Not only is American culture less tolerant of manital infidelity, the modia no longer recognizes strict distinctions between private and public life. A press corps that once looked the other way when Franklin Robevelt's mistress, Lucy Mercer, boarded the White House train would hardly be so protective today. Smilarby, the entraconticular activities of John Kamedy would today warrant a special edition of Feople magazine. Whatever you or I might think of the proclivity of the press to delve

into matters which are, strictly speaking, private, this tropism to the thil-lating does represent a democratiza-tion of journalistic coverage. Once the press played gatekeeper on per-sonal matters. Nowadays it has swing the gate open. All things con-sidered, that might not be a bad standard. We give you the information and you do what you want with it. Unable to make a clear link be-

tween the private man and the public man --- between allegations of womanizing and, say, U.S. policy on Bos-ma - the public seems to have reacted to the latest news with something less than outrage. Sure, the stories are Not much, seems to be the judgment. America is no longer as naive as it once was about its public figures. It

has learned to compartmentalize, to

Thanks to the United Nations, Cambodia now has a democratically elected government. But it faces a military threat straight out of its nightmarish past. The Khmer Rouge, which killed more than 1 million Cambodians in the 1970s, persists in waging armed struggle against the new government. The guertillas say they are willing to make peace in exchange for a

role in the oew administration. But, meanwhile, they are fortifying themselves with oew arms shipped across the porous Thai border. Washington can help Cambodia in two im-

portant ways. It can press the Thai military to cut off the border arms flow. And it can soften its own opposition to a political deal between Phnom Penh and the Khmer Rouge.

No country, least of all the United States, is prepared to give Cambodia's government the Da military help it would take to defeat the Khmer Rouge outright. Short of that, the goal ought to be shifting the conflict from the Cambodians voted anyway, in large numbers. Realizing that its boycott tactics had back-fired, the Khmer Rouge shifted its approach, sceking to negotiate a role for itself in the new administration. But Washingtoo has firmly discouraged any deal, implying that America would deny aid to Cambodia if it conceded any role to the Khmer Rouge.

weapons to the Khmer Rouge, has taken over ity and so to escalate its pobtical demands.

impossible. But the birth of a new political and conomic system is a slow business, and while Russia is in prolonged labor it will twist and turn in pain. The problem is less with Thailand's civilian government than with its independent and Some of its twisting and turning is going to frighten Europe. Even if Russia's current upsurge of corrupt military commanders. And that is where the United States can play a role. Thailand's armed forces have enjoyed a loog and Inman the Selfless Need Not Do Us This Big Favor close military relationship with the United States. Military leaders would probably pay attention to tough talk from Washington on W ASHINGTON - My first run-in with Admiral Bobby Inman came after I praised him in a 1980 column. As America's chief eavesending the Khmer Rouge connection. Instead. all the tough talk is directed at Phnom Peuh. For Washingtoo to tolerate gun-running to the Khmer Rouge but discourage peace talks with them is a double mistake. The Thai dropper, be had overheard a suspi-Army's cross-border meddling is a legitimate cious call by President Jimmy Carter's subject for outside pressure. Negotiations bebrother, Billy, to the Libyan Embassy, and brought the wiretap to the attor-ney general for criminal investigation. tween Cambodian factions ought to be left up to Cambodians themselves. But praise from me brought him glares from the White House, and - THE NEW YORK TIMES. Admiral Innian - recorders whirring called me to denounce "irreparable harm you have dooe by revealing our sources and methods." It was hard to believe that the Libyans did not know that all embassy phone lines were routinely tapped, but I Even that difference diminishes with time. In addition, it often costs more per day to put an inmate through the boot camp experirespectfully asked if he would enter-

How to Help Cambodia

Thailand, once the main conduit for Chinese the profitable gun-running business for itself. Earlier this month, a Thai Army unit was caught transporting weapons across the border. Such resupply operations make it possible for the Khmer Rouge to maintain military credibil-

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battlefield to the bargaining table.

The UN peace plan was supposed to achieve just such a shift, but it fell short. Vietnam withdrew its occupying army from Cambodia. China, the Khmer Rouge's most powerful arms supplier, cut off its shipments. The royalist rebels supported by the United States participated in the election and won the largest share of votes. But the Khmer Rouge truculently resisted the entire UN process, refusing to surrender its arms and declining to run candidates in the election. Instead, it tried to wreck the vote by threatening Election Day mayhem.

The Price of Boot Camps

Congress is enthusiastic about the concept of boot camps for first offenders. The idea is to spare these young convicts the penalty of pris-on terms in exchange for a kind of shock incarceration in a military-style camp. Scntences are usually for a period of three to six months, during which the offender is subjected to the kind of treatment a new Marine recruit might endure. He is supposed to emerge disci-plined, chastened, determined to avoid prison in the future and equipped with the work ethic and self-assurance of a military man. Because it is less expensive to construct and

operate a boot camp than a prison, the idea is even more attractive to legislators. Thus, the differing crime bills passed by each chamber of Congress at the end of the session would provide generous funding — the final figure could be as high as \$3 billion over five years for this kind of correctional institution.

But there is one problem, and it was detailed in a New York Times report on the subject: Correctional experts who have studied boot camps in the federal system and the 30 states and 10 localities where they have been used during the past 10 years provide little support for this enthusiasm. About half the participants flunk out of the programs and wind up in prison. A disappointing number become recidivists, so many that there is bitle difference between the percentage of boot campers who commit new offenses after release and the percentage of prison inmates who do the same.

ence, followed by intensive probation, than it would to send him to prison. The General Accounting Office, which completed a study on camps last April, concluded that cost saving and prison overcrowding are reduced when this alternative is used simply because inmates are incarcerated for a shorter period of time. The same goals could be achieved by reducing prison sentences overall.

It is reasonable to ask whether anyone in a position of responsibility for crime legislation on Capitol Hill considered these facts before authorizing billions for new camps. The GAO report was sent to Representative William Hughes, a Democrat of New Jersey, who had requested the study, and to the Justice Depart-ment, the Bureau of Prisons and the Office of Management and Budget. But it seems to have had no impact. Surely, before the crime bill goes to conference, it and other recent studies on this subject should have an airing.

We support alternative sentences, especially for nonviolent first offenders, and like others hope that innovative concepts like boot camps will prove worthwhile. But if experience indicates that, in practice, this idea is not all it is cracked up to be, it would be far better to have the facts and make an informed judgment before spending billions in a risky venture.

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ain one question. Icily, the admiral informed me he oever talked to the press, but what was it I wanted to know? I asked him how a grown man could go through life calling himself "Bobby"; he slammed down the phone.

By William Safire

Downhill from there. As Barry Goldwater's man at the CIA, he became convinced that Bill Casey and I were conspiring to block his advance-ment. This was because I reported that Mr. Inman, in a not-for-attribution session at CIA beadquarters, had planted a false story with a group of newsmen that Israel was the source of rumors that a Libyan "hit team" was on its way to the United States. Operating from ambush as an "informed. source," Mr. Inman charged that Israel was trying to provoke an attack on Colonel Moammar Gadhafi.

He was displeased at having his ton to be secretary of defense. The reader can balance this personcover blown and anti-Israel bias shown. Years later, leaking many seal judgment against Mr. Imman's good acts (notably his Billy Carter reportcrets to get favorable treatment in Bob Woodward's book "Veil," Mr. Inman told the author that he "felt this attack personally" and that "he had not planted anything." Exposure of his charge "was obviously a leak to Safire and his later rescission of a mutty Ca-scy surveillance order), as well as the acclamation of a channed Washington press, and the support of Senator

For Burma's Minorities, a Reckoning

structure was in place.

en raped by Burmese troops.

pression by fleeing the country. To-day, more than 73,000 are in Thai-

land and thousands more will come

in the next few months. This year's

tice harvest in the mountainous ar-

eas of Burma where the minorities

BANGKOK - Burma's ethnic minorities in revolt against the military rulers in Rangoon are facing a growing crisis that threatens their ability to achieve antonomy and other goals for which they have been fighting for more than 40 years. Faced with division in their

organization over how to respond to the junta's attempts to draw them individually into discussions, and under pressure from China and Thailand to accept Rangoon's ap-proaches, they find themselves isolated and unsure of what to do.

They can draw no comfort from a resolution passed recently by the United Nations General Assembly that was highly critical of repressive rule in Burma Even states that strongly supported the resolution are unlikely to act on it.

Despite the greater numbers and firepower of the Burmese Army, the minorities -- who include the Karen, Mon, Karenni and Kachin ---fought and beld it at bay for years. Their survival was due to military prowess, internal unity, support from their own people and the will-ingness of Thailand and China to allow them to buy weapons and earn money through trade. Today, they are divided. The pre-

sent split between the Kachin Independence Organization and other non-Burman minorities traces back to the Kachin belief that if peace is to come to Burma, the junta and the minorities must end the fighting and resolve their differences at the negotiating table.

Despite their criticism of Kachin actions, other ethnic communities face strong pressures inside their own camps to move directly to discussion of a cease-fire. This is weakBy Josef Silverstein

live has been poor due to limited rain and the inability of people to farm. Until now, despite its size and stength, the Burmese Army has not ening the opposition alliance between Burman and minority groups that was set up to restore civilian been able to defeat the minorities More important, since China and rule and democracy to the country. Rangoon's policy toward dissi-dent minorities was set in 1989 fol-Thailand do not want the minorities defeated and removed as a buffer in the border area, they have used their lowing the breakup of the Burma connections with both sides to push for a negotiated settlement. Thus, Communist Party and the estabthe junta has not been free to impose lishment by its former cadres of a unilateral settlement on its fors.

Pollard, but that's another story.)

new ethnic groups. General Khin Nyunt, the effective head of the General Khin Nyunt recently junta, offered separate deals to each launched a peace campaign, calling the rebel minority groups "our brothers from the armed organizegroup. In exchange for a cease-fire. he said, they could retain their weapons, administer their own artions in the jungle" and appealing eas and pursue their economic into them them to return to the "legal terests. But all political questions fold" and "live in love and unity. were to be put off until a new state But there was no mention of a cease-fire as a first step toward To other ethnic groups in opposi-tion, the junta offered the same terms or military defeat. To give the peace and no offer to talk to the armed groups collectively. The jun-ta presented itself as the representative of legality in Burma and gave threat a sharp edge, the military launched attacks against minority strongholds. In addition to striking the minorities only one option: accept the political status quo.

against soldiers, Rangoon also It is ironic that just when the Unitmoved against noncombatants in ed Nations has adopted its strongest resolution on the restoration of deminority areas. Civilians were isolated from their own armed groups, mocracy in Burma, the government forcibly relocated from their homes in Rangoon may be on the verse of a to camps around Burnese Army bases and denied the right to farm and support themselves. To get food from the army, they had to serve as deal with significant elements of the country's minorities. Such a deal is being sought to legitimize a military dictatorship and a unitary political military porters in war zones. Many system. But any partial victory for the junta is likely be Pyrhic: It will old people were murdered and womnot be the final chapter in Burma's Villagers sought to escape oplong civil war.

The writer, author of several books on Burma, is professor emericus of politics at Rutgers University. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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Sam Nunn, breathless with adoration. Mr. Inman lost a few of those rooters at his carious "comfort level" news conference, in which the arrogant admiral humbled the presismarting over Imman's insistence that Israel oot get any satellite photos." Untrue Mr. Imman, despite having what Time magazine gushes is "a memory that is close to total recell," dent and held himself out as a selfiess patriot who was interrupting a successful business career as a big favor misled Mr. Woodward. An earwitness to all of us. Let's see about that: who was in the room reconfirms that

1. As an executive, he is a flop. In his decade away from the public trough, Mr. Imman bought a defense contractor. Tracor, and ran it into Mr. Inman planted that false story on that day in December 1981. (Mr. Inman's animus also later contributed to bankruptcy. As stockholders, suppli-ers and employees suffered, he walked off with \$1 million compensation. the excessive sentencing of Jonathan Here is someone I know from per-

2. As a judge of character, he is a naif. After he quit the CIA, Mr. Inman sonal experience to be manipulative and deceptive, nominated by Bill Clinwent on the "proxy board" of Interna-tional Signal & Control to manufac-ture cluster bombs for the Pentagon. The conset bounds for the Perhagon. The company was run by James Gue-rin, a longtime Imman intelligence source, now in a Florida prison, con-victed of transferring military technol-ogy to Iraq and South Africa. Mr. Imman's 1992 letter to the sentencing index which are before in America. judge, which can be found in Appen-dix B of Alan Friedman's "Spider's Web," attests to this con man's "patriotism toward our country."

3. As a taxpayer, he is a cheat. In the year of Zoë Baird, nobody can plead ignorance to the requirement to pay taxes for household help. Why did Mr. Imman try to beat the government out of \$6,000? Because, the White House press secretary was corrupted into saying, "There was a desire to see whether the simplification process would go through." That's a transparent he; if the law is changed, he would still owe the \$6,000 for past years.

Confirmation hearings of Mr. Clinton's worst cabinet nomination begin in a month. Senate investigators have much work to do.

The New York Times.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

2,000 divisional troops, 43,000 engineers, and 16,000 men in military seronautics division.

1943: 'Secret Weapon'

LONDON --- [From our New York edition:] An incessant pounding of the part of northern France in which the Germans, according to neutral reports, are building emplacements for their mysterious "secret wespon" continued today [Dec. 23], as repeat-ed waves of medium bombers with strong fighter support med across the English Channel and back spain throughout the daylight hours. Lon-don newspapers for the last two days have been filled with speculation about the supposed "secret wespon" and about measures being taken by the Allied air forces to knock it out of action before use of it can get started. The popular version of the "secret weapon" is that it is a German rocket gun of unprecedented size and range. The high commands of the Allies have been reluctant to comment.

1893: Paving the Way PARIS - M. Quentin-Banchard, Municipal Councillor for the Champs-Elysées quarter, has pro-posed that the Public Works au-

thorities should make some experiments in the brick pavement in Paris. M. Quentin-Banchard says that the experiments with brick pavement have succeeded very well in America, and claims that it is very agreeable for carriages, is as tough as wood pavement and does not absorb water in such a way as to be dangerous to public health.

1918: U.S. Demobilizes

WASHINGTON - General March, Chief of Staff of the United States Army, announces that demobiliza-tion of home military forces has reached the number set of 30,000 daily. The total demobilization to December 14 was 29,903 officers and 188,562 men. The total list for early demobilization is 900,000, including

separate the private from the public except where the two overlap. Mr. Kennedy and, especially, Martin Luther King, have been the nation's ta-tors in the complexity of human nature. Mr. King is a kind of American Schindler. Whatever his personal mo-rality, his public one was exemplary. Over and over again, he put his life on the line for the cause of civil rights, until he lost his life in that cause. Regardless of his personal life, Mr. King remains a towering moral figure. In fact, what was once considered fatal to a public career now no longer is. Think of homosexuality. Certain politicians have acknowledged they are homosexuals; they get re-elected anyway. Some of those who secured to corrupt public servants.

Time and again, pollsters have found Americans willing to compart. mentalize their views. A majority might be personally opposed to abortion, but a majority also opposes risid restrictions. A majority finds homosexuality immoral, but opposes discrimination against homoscruals. Until Americans can make a clear

link between Mr. Clinton's personal behavior and his public performance, they will continue to compartmental paid off people with jobs to ensure . their silence, for instance -- his public conduct will become an issue."

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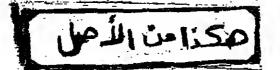
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... That has not happened and so, un-sure of what to make at these recent allegations, the American people have decided to make nothing at all of them. Mr. Climica is no innocent, but neither, anymore, are Americans. The Washington Post



OPINION

Religion and Politics: Tension Is for the Best

By E. J. Dionne Jr.

V the oddest things whenever the subjects of religion and politics meet. One of my favorite political encounters took place during the 1977 campaign for mayor of New York, when Barry Farber, a talk-show host running on the Conser-vative Party ticket, used a speech to a group of mostly black ministers to issue his usual denunciation of "bleeding heart liberals." "bleeding heart liberals." He was shocked to be interrupt-

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ed by the angry voice of the Rever-end Tim Mitchell. "I worship a Savior who had a bleeding heart," Mr. Mitchell boomed. Mr. Farber, normally not one to back off from a fight, knew there was no winning this one. He tried to reassure Mr. Mitchell that he was not impugning anybody's religious beliefs.

You could, of course, argue that Mr. Mitchell was inappropriately mixing religion and politics, but I didn't feel that way at the time. On the contrary, I thought Mr. Mitch-

One can believe that public life should be more hospitable to religious voices without willing an end to the barriers that protect minorities from religious impositions.

ell was issuing a reminder that a lot of people --- yes, including liberals -- come to their political baliefs at least in part from their reflections on their religious convictions.

During the Christmas season, we Americans are reminded that while the courts may impose restrictions on explicitly religious displays m public places, everything else going on emphasizes that a central day in the Christian calendar is also an important public holiday. The way the county deals with this suggests that for all the boundaries we try to. draw, between the religious on the one hand and the civil and political on the other, we end up living with a lot of tension - and that tension turns out to be how we protect civility and religious freedom.

The biggest problem with the de-bates of the past decade between the religious right and its strongest cot-ics is that neither side has been willing to accept that tension. The more extreme religious conservatives have frightened a lot of Americans -- including a lot of Christians - with their talk about the United States being "a Christian nation" and their suggestions that the legal code should be closer to biblical values. The most vociferous critics of the religious right often seem to be arguing that those whose politi-

WASHINGTON - People say these views, and it is the somewhat the oddest things whenever less ricorous, commonsense underless rigorous, commonsense understanding that I suspect most Ameri-cans bring to the subject of religious freedom. This view accepts that the world views of a great many people - perhaps most - are influenced by a religious tradition. Many Christians, for example, have an in-stinctive sympathy for government programs to help the poor, not be-cause such programs are "efficient" or "useful investments in human capital," but because they know in

their hearts that such programs are right. As Mr. Mitchell pat it, they worship a Savior with a bleeding heart. Many who oppose abortion reason in a similar way .

You don't have to be religious to take a stand on poverty programs or abortion. But neither should you be disqualified from the debate just because your motivations are primarily religious. The essence of the messy democratic bargain is that it's not enough for participants in the debate to assert that "these programs are 'Christian' (or 'Jewish' or "Hindu") and therefore must be adopted." Your case has to be made m terms that are acceptable to those who do not share your religious views.

Many who fully accept the power and legitimacy of religious motiva-tions worry about the religious right because they fear that some in its ranks see religious justifications as not only legitimate but also suffi-

Building in the East cient for government action. There is also the danger of con-

"The West Has Helped to Arouse an Irresponsible Nationalism" (Dec. 16) by William Pfaff: fusing the public arena with the governmental arena. Religious voices should feel welcomed in the The problems faced hy the peopublic discussion and can do a ple of Eastern Europe are as great world of good on such matters as as ever and call for creative thinkreducing violence, teenage preg-nancy and family breakup. But one ing and sustained support. But, as Mr. Pfaff suggests, the triumphacan believe that public life should list, naive and often misguided adbe more hospitable to religious vice peddled hy an army of Westvoices than it is without willing an

ern advisers in Eastern Europe end to the barriers that protect hardly counts. Long-term objecminorities from religious impositives of sustainable economic tions - and in the process protect transformation have been cast religion from government. aside in favor of a simplistic faith The compromise that promotes in the ability of the market to deliv-

In response to the opinion cohumn

religious toleration is based on er in the short-term. a virtue that religious people often But, ironically, the transition praise bot don't always practice: humility. Although human beings may hope to know. "God's will," they shouldn't confuse their ideas with God's, or pretend that what are from planned to mixed economy really needed a plan. A mixed economy would surely have been better served by a more pragmatic program of enhancing state funcreally ethnic or tribal habits enjoy tions and fostering a dynamic civil divine sanction. Checks on the powsociety, rather than by a singleminded emphasis on privatization. For now, the new economies will need to be built from the ground up, supported but not led from the out-side. The existing approach is a reci-pe otherwise for further backlash There is, finally, something de-bilitating to religious faith itself about reducing all religious convicand "irresponsible nationalism."

tions to politics. Whatever you or I ED MAYO, may think of, say, the balanced-budget amendment, we ought not Director. The New Economics Foundation. claim that there is a "Christian" London. or a "Jewish" or a "Muslim" posi-

tion on the subject. I have no doubt that the balanced-budget A Promise in Russia amendment will be far from the



rience for me. It has also been a sad

the same story: Russia has been

devastated in all possible ways. The cuphoria that I felt as I fel-

lowed the events leading to the dissolution of the Soviet Union

seems naive in light of the suffering

and despair, the hardship and un-

certainly, with which the Russian

the medical college in St. Peters-hurg. She has recruited 60 medical

students to provide home health

care services to the elderly. "It is

the elderly," she writes, "who are in

the worst situation in Russia. We

don't have Medicare." Elena pro-vides the only home health service in St. Petersburg, a city with a popu-lation of more than 5 million. She

works under severe financial con-

straints compounded by the fact

Tatyana is a graduate of St. Pe-

tersburg University's applied math-

ematics department. She works as a

programmer-secretary at a private

perialism in the area, the same way

the South Vietnamese government was," as a former faculty member

put it, Kaplan writes, "It is both

symbolic and highly ironic that the

first American taken hostage in

Lebanon was David Stuart Dodge

. . who at the time of his abduc-

tion was acting president of the AUB and who was proud that

'AUB had fostered an atmosphere

from which Arah nationalism

The narrative then veers to the

stories of Hume Horan and Jerry

Weaver, who were respectively

American ambassador to Sudan

and a "refugee coordinator" ap-

pointed to monitor the victims of a

could be born and develop."

Elena is a doctor and teaches at

people must now contend.

The letters f have received tell

and troubling one.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

school teacher in a city near the Ural mountains with a population of 240,000. "My son goes to kin-dergarten," she writes. "Tomorrow he will not go to school at all. Two kindergartens already have closed. His is the third. I don't know what to do." Her hushand lost his joh at a military plant "because of conversion," and she notes that many workers are "dismissed on grounds of redundance." Lyudmilla writes that her seven-year-old daughter wants a Barbie doll more than anything else in the world. The cost of

the doll (50.000 rubles) is beyond Lyudmilla's means: she harely makes that a month. Lyudmilla says: "She is patient about Barbie because I promise. But how can I keep the promise? This Christmas will be a terrible one."

milla early this month. I hope it arrives in time. KRISTY LEIGH OVERMAN.

ment are able to compensate her. Jekaterina, a recent economics graduate, writes: "It is very hard to produce something in Russia today.

spheres of influence. It is very sim-ple to kill somebody. The situation in Russia today is the same as Chi-

Later On, Santa Claus Got Jolly

W ASHINGTON — The inven-tion of modern Christmas gor a boost 150 years ago from a book that begins with three unfestive words: "Marley was dead." In 1843 Charles Dickens, that volcano of Victorian sentimentality, erupted with "A Christmas Carol." Christmas was making a comeback.

When Oliver Cromwell was Lord Protector he protected England from Christmas which, Puritans said, was "an extraeme forget-Julnesse of Christ, hy giving liberty to carnall and sensual delights," Of course to Puritans a fruitcake was a dangerous delight. Christmas in Merrie England

had become a rollicking good time came the consensus choice. after the Norman Conquest imported French flair. By 1252 Hen-ry 1tt was slaying 600 oxen to go tival religions' celebrations of the rebirth of the sun, symbolized by with the salmon pies and roasted peacocks. By the 1640s Cromwell candles and by what would come was not amused.

Besides, the second syllable of with boughs of holly, evergreens and mistletoe to symbolize winter's "Christmas" suggested a popish plot. So the House of Commons sat inability to prevent the renewal of on Christmas days and sheriffs life. In one of life's nice caroms. were sent forth to require mer-Christmas trees, a German tradichants to open for business. Protion, may have been introduced to and anu-Christmas factions rioted. The Puritans were bullies but were not wrong when they said that

America during the Revolutionary War by Hessian mercenaries of the sort that George Washington rout-Christmas observations in Decem-ber had their origins in pagan festi-Delaware on Christmas night. 1776.

By George F. Will

tion of Christmas, the celebration of no of which was made a crime in Mas-sachusetts in 1659. That edict was vals of the winter solstice, and no one knew in what season Christ repealed in 1681, hui in 1686 the governor needed two soldiers to was born. Some say that if shepherds really were tending their flocks in the fields that night, it escort him to Christmas services. in 1706 a Boston mob smashed the at has windows in a church holding Israel must not have been winter, when

MEANWHILE

dissolute even then, and Southern-ers, always sensualists, celebrated Christmas from the 17th century sheep in Palestine were penned at on, but as late as 1874 Henry Ward nber of night. Some early Christians in Egypt fixed Christ's birth at May Beecher. America's most promi- seaking nent preacher, said, "To me. and the 20, and dates were suggested in every month before Dec. 25 be-

Christmas is a foreign day." The birth of Christmas in its awi has modern form, as a festival of senti- he Beit That choice coincided with some meni and material comforts, was estinian made possible by the cooling of , of this religious passions. In 1823 the Troy one or (New Yorki Sentinel published ; Israeli to be called vule logs. Pagans had traditionally decked their halls anonymously Clement Clark services Moore's decidedly secular poem be- going to ginning. "Twas the night before he Israe-Christmas ..." Forty years later i virtual Thomas Nast popularized the mod-

The Puritans brought to New

Christmas services. New Yorkers.

England a Cromwellian detesta- gange

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ern image of Santa Claus, a jolly he Israeone-man shopping mall. It was not until 1885 that all federal workers were given Christ-I profesmas Day off. President Chester Arthur, an otherwise sound fellow, ig before signed that law. Franklin Rooseveli discerned Christmas's potential as a countercyclical program and Palestin-

moved Thanksgiving from the last . seeks to Thursday to the third Thursday in close the November in order to get Christmas t to know Spent shopping humming sooner. spent. Dickens, who did so much to hat Israel

define the modern Christmas, did so Jestinians with virtually no reference to reli- israel was ability of opium. The result was gion. He was just 31 in 1843, still 3, absorbthat the number of opium addicts tormented by memories of youthful news said privation and intensely interested in erritories, child labor and the conditions of the ad all but poor, "A Christmas Carol," written

in haste and rapturously received hy aed Palesthe rapidly expanding reading pub-id lead to fears that George Orwell was to describe as e to quash generously angry."

He distilled Dickens's doctrine into 10 words: "If men would behave decently, the world would be decent." On the eve of a revolutionary era in Europe. Dickens said that a change of hearts was the key to changing society. Scrooge did not need to be trundled in a tumbril to a guillotine or even have his property expropriated. A few ghosts and a winsome child named Tim would suffice for a conversion experience. In the end Scrooge was still a capi-talist, but a prince of a guy.

Karl Marx, who in 1849 settled in London not far from Dickens, ardently admired Dickens's depiction of social ills, But if Marx understood the writer's message, he must have gagged. Count that among the good that Christmas has done.

Washington Post Writers Group

Samuelson answers on the same of history: In the 19th century, page: lack of discipline ("Welfare following the Opium War. China Becomes Harm When the State Ex-was forced to accept the free availaggerates"). We don't break the cycles because we don't want to.

I mailed a package to Lynd-

that few who receive medical treat-Landing, New Jersey. **Discipline Is Lacking** We didn't work during the 76 years following the Revolution." Sbe adds: "Criminals are creating

In "The Depressed West Needs a Social Philosopher" (Dec. 13), Flora Lewis asks the right question: Why can't world leaders break the cycles of suffering and oppression? Robert of narcoties should ponder a lesson

Discipline is learned early on.

way approve of the legalization of drugs, ... at this stage. Yet The Washington Post ("No. Don't Legal-ize Drugs," Opinion, Dec. 13) along with President Bill Clinton do the public a disservice by preemptively

discounting her bold suggestion. Better to allow Dr. Elders to follow the dictum of another forthright Arkansan and "think unthinkable thoughts." It is only after exploring all sides of a prob-lem that an informed judgment can be made by the vox populi. HOWARD R. STEPHENSON,

Those who favor the legalization

mostly by example in the home. Without that, political schemes are just academic talk. FRANK BRADSTOCK. Paris. Unthinkable Thoughts' Hurrah for U.S. Surgeon General Jovcelyn Elders! Not that I in any

in that country shot up to an estimated 20 million ESKIL SVANE. Pouzols, France, The Movie Invasion

The front-page headline "France Crows Over Great Vic-tory to Save Its Culture" (IHT, Dec. 15) was petty. The article that followed was not much better; more French-hashing. However, the International

Herald Trihune does deserve credit for halance. The same issue carried an impassioned plea in favor of the French position on American junk film by Governor Mario Cuomo of New York ("Violence on Screen: Desiring What Disgusts Us?"]. Alas, while France is doing something about this global infes-

Paris.

tation, the governor of New York seems left with a just-say-no and a hope that Hollywood fat cats will go on a diet. ANDREW DAVIDSON.

uhlic debate by fiat. only say: Thank Goo for the There is an alternative to both of The Washington Post.

jewelry enterprise. Taryana says she is "very much alraid that Russia cal views are rooted in religious con-victions should be ruled out of the Christmas this weekend. One can public debate by fiat. rural areas of that vast country. are very poor." This has been an exhilarating expe-

Lyudmilla is an elementary

cago in the 1920s."

BOOKS

THE ARABISTS: The Romance of an American Elite

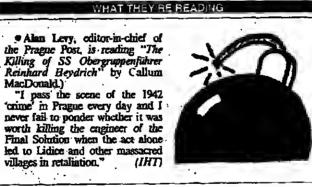
By Robert D. Kaplan. Illustrated. 333 pages. \$24.95. The Free Press/Macmillan.

Reviewed by Christopher Lehmann-Haupt

T N the late 19th and 20th centui ries an Arabist was merchy a student of Arabic, like a Hellenist or a Latinist, writes Robert D. Kaplan at the outset of his intriguing new history. The Arabists: The Romance of an American Elite." "But with the birth of Israel in 1948, the term Arabist quickly gathered another meaning." As Kaplan quotes Richard Min-

phy, a former ambassador to Syria and to Saudi Arabia, the word Arabist "became a pejorative for he who intellectually sleeps with Arabs." The author then cites another ambassador who admits that "to a man, the American community in Syria and Lebanon remained opposed to the State of Israel and some even crossed the line into anti-Semitism."

How this state of mind evolved and what its consequences have of the American Republic." been for American policy in the Middle East is the subject of Ka-plan's history. A contributing edi-tor to The Atlantic and the author of several previous books on the Middle East, he argues that one result of the Arabist mind-set has



been to encourage Arab opposition to Israel. to which it goes to be balanced on the issue of anti-Semitism. to Israel.

Another was the U.S. appease-ment of Iraq until it amered Kuwait. Kaplan writes: "The famous encounter in July 1990 between U.S. Ambassador April Glaspie and fraqi President Saddam Hussein was, in reality, two centuries in the making. Miss Glaspie entered Saddam's lair freighted with the baggage of a venerable Arabist tra-dition. The real Iraq-gate was never a banking scandal but an epic human story that parallels the history

. Is this conclusion meant to imply subily that anti-Zionism was in-volved in the encouragement of Hussein? One can read this as an

new crusade to the Middle East, soon acknowledged Muslim resis-tance to Christian conversion, [el] in love with the land and culture Arab revolt against European im-perialism. The crown jewel of the with Iran. Not only does he not

and free intellectual inquiry. Next, in a section called "Reali-ty." Kaplan traces the complex with Saddam." and she "was an events in the 1960s that led some faculty members there to perceive Israel "as the arm of American im-

e issue of anti-Semitism. Kaplan begins his story with the These two Americans organized Operation Moses, in which black 19th-century American Protestant missionaries who went forth on a Ethiopian Jews, known as Falashas, were flown from the Horn of Africa to Israel. From this heroic account, Kaplan plunges into the debacle of and stayed on to encourage an Iraq-gate, in which the United

perialism. The crown jewel of the missionaries was what later was named the American University of Beirut, founded in 1871 as the Syri-an Protestant College to promote the values of democracy, hard work and free intellectual inquiry.

dor Glaspie: "She was not straight with Saddam," and she "was an area specialist who completely misjudged the overall situation," a mis-judgment "that stemmed from the hubris that allowed Westerners to think they could modify the behavior of another culture and shape it in their own perfected image."

Aside from his ambiguity on anti-

BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

star German player made a A strong hid for a second major I a strong tud for a second indoi title at the American Contract Bridge League's Fall Nationals in Seattle, in November, Sabine Zen-kel, who won the Life Master Women's Pairs, led into the semili-Women's Pairs, led into the semilinal stage of the Blue Ribbon Pair Champioships, playing with Tom Sanders of Nashville.

Ira Cohen and Walik Abdou. both of Bakersfield, California, diced with death as North and South on the diagramed deal. It

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to put on Glaspie's shoulders, especially when Kaplan has just finished offering evidence that it was her being a woman that was partly the problem, given Hussein's cultural biases. So as well as fudging the issue of anti-Semitism, the conclusion puts a strain on the book's main thesis. The link between the Iraq appearers and those 19th-century crusaders grows rusty along the way. Still, despite its flaws, "The Ar-ahists" remains a vital story. In several ways, the people Kaplan writes about are too alive to be frozen into thesis-supporting statues. His Arabists may prove adapt-able, despite the crushing hurden

Christopher Lehmann-Haupt is on the staff of The New York Times.



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Bribery Allegations Threaten Kingpin **Of Japan Coalition**

Complied by Our Staff From Disputches TOKYO - The kingpin of Japan's ruling coalition, Ichiro Ozawa, faced new allegations on Thursday that he took an unreported 10 million yen (\$90,000) from a building company implicated in a growing bribery and bidding scan-

Mr. Ozawa, who hammered to-gether the eight-group coalition and is its shadow chief, has been unable to shake off numerous media reports that he took payoffs from big business.

The latest charge, in the daily Asahi Shimbun, could further tarnish Prime Minister Motihiro Hosokawa's government.

Mr. Hosokawa has relied heavily on Mr. Ozawa's experience in parliamentary strategy during his four months in power. Mr. Ozawa, 51. was formerly a leader of the Liberal Democratic Party, whose 38-year rule ended in August when the present coalition took power. If the charges against Mr. Ozawa

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rea about its nuclear program. Mr. Butros Ghali agreed that any pro-duction of nuclear arms by the North would endanger nonproliferation efforts, officials in the president's office said. Mr. Butros Ghali is to cross the

highly militarized border in North Korea on Friday, becoming the first UN secretary general to visit South and North Korea since 1979. Earlier in Washington. Representative Ronald V. Dellums, a California Democrat, released a summary of a declassified CIA repon on the nuclear potential of North Korea and other countries. The CIA concluded that North Korea has the technical potential to produce within 15 years a nucleartipped missile capable of reaching

the Linited States. But it says this is unlikely to become a reality and that the potential nuclear threat to America from Iran and Libya is even less. The CIA assessment was mixed but tended to discount any new

threats. No evidence exists that any of the countries examined in this nose of attacking" the United States, it said. (AP, AFP)

stick, it could leave Mr. Hosokawa without the muscle to push anticorruption bills through parliament and unite his seven-party coalition around a plan to prop up Japan's struggling economy. Asahi Shimbun alleged that Mr. Ozawa took funds from Hazama

Corp. two years ago in exchange for helping the company win a public works contract to build a dam in the politician's home region of lwate, in northern Japan,

The paper quoted Mr. Ozawa's aide as saying the allegations were groundless. He did say that Mr. Ozawa had met Akira Kagami, Hazama's president, who was charged earlier this year in another public works scandal.

Asahi, citing sources close to Mr. Kagami, said the Hazama president visited Mr. Ozawa at his political office in mid-December 1991. at the same time the company's slush fund for political payoffs showed a payment of 10 million

Mr. Ozawa was then the third ranking member of the hierarchy of the biggest faction of lawmakers in the Liberal Democratic Party. After the faction chief. Shin

Kanemaru, was linked to scandal. Mr. Ozawa and other members bolted the Liberal Democratic Party to set up the splinter Japan Renewal Party, the central group in

the current ruling alliance. But controversy continues to pursue Mr. Ozawa, who is said in have learned his fund-raising skills from Mr. Kanemaru, known for wooing big business to raise huge amounts of political funds and control government behind the scenes. "The coalition government's biggest concern is that prosecutors may occide to go after Ozawa, who during his LDP days most likely engaged in shady business to be-

come one of the party's most talented fund-raisers," said Michito-Takabatake, a professor of politics at Rikkvo University. The bribery and bid-rigging scandal has so far led in the arrest of more than 30 construction industry executives, two regional governors and two big-city mayors.

There has been intense speculauon that prosecutors, bolstered by the appointment of an anti-corruption warrior as prosecutor-general, are poised to go after major figures

in what could become Japan's bigthe major industrialized nations of gest postwar bribery scandal. the West have set economic criteria Last month Mr. Ozawa admitted for aid that have been very difficult to meet. Russia's failure to control taking 5 million ven from a construction giant, Najima Corp., but bank credits and subsidies has led denied the money was illegal or the listF and the West to provide constituted a bribe. (Reuters, AP) very little aid at all.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY -- Well-wishers outside the Imperial Palace in Tokyo saluting Emperor Akibito, who turned 60 on Thursday.

Soviet Chemical Weapons Plants Killed Thousands

MOSCOW --- Tens of thousands of people died while producing chemical weapons in the former Soviet Union and some 300 sites were contaminated, Russian scienwho had been affected.

"From the medical point of view," said Lev Fyodorov, a chemist and president of the independent Union for Chemical Safety, Western estimates. our preparations for chemical war had disastrous consequences."

He spoke at a news conference at which Russian scientists revealed the extent of ecological and medical damage from the Soviet chemi-

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mocracy and free markets is the

most important task of foreign pol-

icy. But the contrast between these

stakes and the way support has

been provided "has been so sharp,"

lateral institution said, "as to ap-

Using the International Mone-

tary Fund as their financial agent.

pear almost contradictory.

a pro

ninent banker from a multi-

tists said Thursday.

Official casualty figures or de-

And by making the fund the pri-mary vehicle for aid, the industrial

nations have washed their hands of

serious bilateral commitments and

avoided a commitment to reform.

eral agency added: "Nor, in a large

sense, has the West given Russia

any coherent road map for reform,

with specific promises of real aid in

steps along the way. It has basically

let the IMF do all the talking, ju-nior minister to junior minister."

Western economists also ask

whether the IMF is an appropriate

agent for the tasks required, which

include social welfare, the develop-

ment of small businesses and in-

A senior official of one multilat-

cal weapons program, still largely a ing World War II, Mr. Fyodorov secret. said. Mr. Fyodorov said the Russian He estimated that "tens of thougovernment was doing little to un- sands" of plant workers died, most veil past secrets and help people before the mid-1950s, from the ef-

fects of poisonous substances Mr. Fyodorov said World War II tails on the dumping and contami- factories had no proper means of nated sites have never been pub- protection, dumped contaminated lished, and the numbers provided water into rivers, could not filter Thursday appeared to far exceed gas discharges and burned matenals like mustard gas at open sites.

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spread to other regions, becoming mustard gas by burning it at a especially intensive before and dur- chemical weapons base in Kam-

barka, in the province of Udmartia, cal weapons and thousands of peo-Mr. Fyodorov said. He said he had a written testimony and a name list ple who need urgent help." He cited Novocheboksarsk, a town of 130,000 on the Volga River from a former semior officer at the hase

About 300 sites across the former Soviet Union, where chemical weapons were produced, stored, tested or destroyed and which are currently home to about a million people - have been contaminated he said

"Neither the government, nor ecological and medical organizations have paid attention to these consequences," he said. "We have cities that were 'burned' by chemi-

YELTSIN: With Rise of Extremism, Decision on Reform Seems Remote ices secret. But in Washington there have been few officials publicly asking

certain questions. classified a single document about chemical arms," said Mr. Fyo-What, for example, is the West's sponsibility in Russia? Is the dorov.

newly privatized enterprises. Briefing reporters in Washington on Monday, Strobe Talbott, am-bassador at large for the republics of the former Soviet Union, talked West helping its friends or simply hoping that all will turn out for the of Washington's new desire for "refining, focusing and intensifying best - in a world of tight domestic our reform-support efforts," with-out ever defining what "reform" is, budgets where politicians fear being seen to support another coun-Is any sort of Russian "reform, try's unemployed? short of a reversal to the command

If the West is not going to pay to help reform, some in Russia have an answer. Vitali Tretyakov, editor of Nezavisimayl Gazeta, says the investment to protect decaying West should stop giving Russians so much advice because, "We've got fonis enough of our own."

French Study Fuels A New AIDS Feud 'Not One Word of Truth' In Paper, U.S. Scientist Says

WASHINGTON - A new trans-Atlantic fight over AIDS broke out Thursday as American scientists attacked a published report by French researchers who said they had found a receptor molecule that helps the AIDS virus invade cells.

"There is not a word of truth in the entire paper." Joseph Sodroski, an associate professor at Harvard Medical School said. "You can dismiss the idea altogether."

The French research team, headed by Ara Hovanessian of the Pasteur Institute in Paris, is publis the results of its study for the first time in Friday's issue of the journal Science. They had described them in part at a conference in October. The researchers believe that hu-

man blood cells might be protected against attack by HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, if the activity of the receptor molecule CD26 can be inhibited. If proved correct, the finding could aid the search for an AIDS vaccine.

One receptor molecule, labeled CD4, has already been identified but scientists have suspected that one or more other receptors or agents also help HIV enter a cell. Luc Montagnier, who first isolat-ed HIV in 1983 at the Pasteur Institute, defended the paper. "If each piece of data is taken separately. maybe it's not convincing," he told Science in a related article. "But taken together, they fit very well." But Dr. Sodroski said: "Three times zero is zero. You don't build a convincing case by putting together three insufficient pieces of

Dr. Sodroski and researchers at several other U.S. institutions have generated data indicating that CD26 does not help HIV enter cells. "The results are wrong," he said. "They are not reproducible in other people's hands."

The dispute recalled the French-American battle in the 1980s overwhere thousands of workers who produced a nerve gas in the 1970s who was first to discover the AIDS virus. Dr. Montagnier and Robert -Gallo, a scientist at the Nationalwere not receiving proper help Forty percent of Novochebok-arsk children have chronic illness-Institutes of Health in the United States, were declared co-discover-ers of HIV. es and up to 90 percent of newborns have abnormalities, he said. Vladimir Uglev, a scientist who

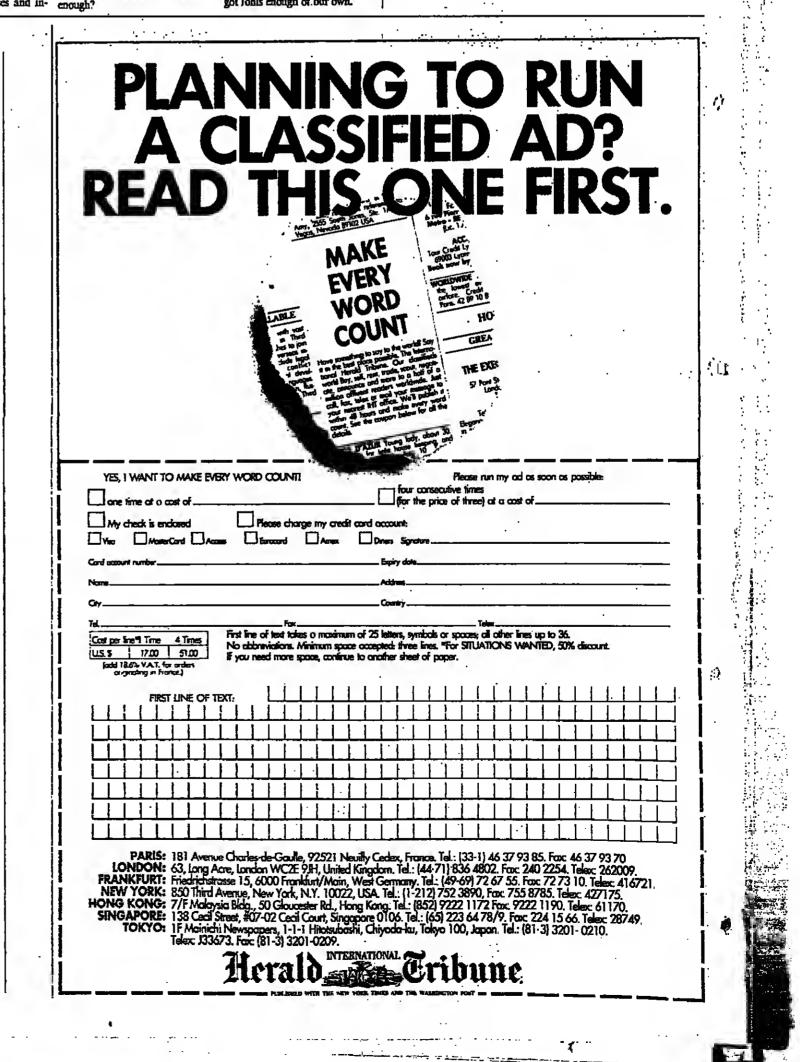
Thomas Schultz, a virologist at England's Chester Beatty Laboraspent years in the Soviet chemical weapous program, said his home town of Shikhany had the region's tories who studies how HIV enters cells, also told Science he was "very highest cancer rates, as did other skeptical" that the CD26 results cal weapons production sites. will prove true.

Mr. Uglev and Mr. Fyodorov said the Russian military was still "I just don't trust many of the experiments," he said. keeping information about the

Science defended publication of deadly program and its consethe French report. "This paper was reviewed very thoroughly, by re-spected investigators within and "The ex-Soviet Union and the present-day Russia have not deoutside of the HIV community." the senior editor, Barbara Jasny, said in the accompanying article.

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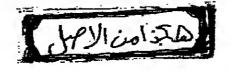
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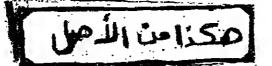


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PARIS - Israel and the Palestime Liberation Organization ended two days of talks on Thursday after failing to resolve differences that have held up the carrying out of the peace agreement they signed in September.

The two sides agreed to meet again in Cairo next week.

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Before leaving the Trianon Pal-ace hotel in Versailles, where the negotiations took place, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel in-dicated that a breakthrough did not appear imminent.

"The only thing you can say is that we continue to talk," he said. "There is still a great deal of work to be done and we shall do it."

Mr. Peres and Yasser Abed Rabbo, a member of the PLO exectalks devoted almost of the PLO exten-utive committee, held 36 hours of talks devoted almost exclusively to resolving the most contentious is-sue dividing them: Who should have control of checkpoints at the horder between Conversion at the borders between Gaza and Egypt and the Jericho area and Jordan.

Under the peace agreement, the Gaza Strip and Jencho area are to come under autonomous Palestinian authority in what the accord describes as the first step in a fiveyear process leading to a compre-hensive settlement. But an Israeli military withdrawal from these areas, planned to start on Dec. 13, has been delayed, mainly by the disagreement over security ar-Tangements. Daniel Shek, a spokesman for

the Israeli Embassy in Paris, read a statement issued by both parties, saying that; "On some of the issues there is agreement, while others still necessitate further talks. The negotiations will begin again next week in Cairo."

Israeli officials said some progress had been made toward a compromise involving the establishment of Israeli and Palestinian checkpoints at the borders, But the

Pontiff Deplores Algerian Violence

ROME - Pope John Paul II has condemned the campaign of kill-ings carried out by Muslim militants in Algeria, saying Christians appeared to be the target of partic-ular hostility.

In his first public comment on the violence in Algeria, the Pope did not mention Islam but appealed to common religous ground held by Christians and Muslims. The strife between security forces and Muslim militants start-ed in January 1992 after the canceldetails of how they would operate, and who would be subject to inspection at which post, were still mresolved.

"Let us say that the notion of a compromise was accepted here, which already constitutes pro-gress," one Israeli official said. "There was an exchange of detailed texts, far more detailed than in Norway. But the usual happing on the form of the compromise will take some time still. We are not

there yet, by any means." The talks followed earlier negoti-ations in Norway last weekend, which also failed to break the deadlock.

Delays 'Not Catastrophic'

A Norwegian peace negotiator said Thursday that delays in carry-ing out the Israeli-PLO accord were unfortunate but not catastrophic, Renters reported.

"It's clear that the longer it's put off, the more dangerous it is for the peace process," said Taje Roed Larsen after peace talks in France ended inconclusively on Thursday. "It's unfortunate that such de-

lays happen, but it's not cata-strophic," he said in an interview with Norwegian radio in France. Mr. Larsen, the head of the Norwegian Institute for Applied Social Science, helped broker the original accord on Palestinian autonomy in the Gaza Strip and Jericho this year in secret talks in Norway,

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that mattered. Khaled Oudeh, a PLO official in Bethlehem, said his office had received fresh instruc-tions from Mr. Arafat to keep all flass up flags up. We are committed to turning

Christmas into a national celebra tion for all Palestinians, both Mus-lims and Christians," Mr. Ouden said. "If the Israelis insist on pull-ing the flag down, we will raise it again." Mr. Rabin decided Thurs-day the he graded out on in ferday that he would not give in after one of his aides sought a ruling after receiving a phone call from Mr. Freij, said a Rabin spokesman. Another Rabin aide accessed the PLO of exploiting Christmas for its

olitical agenda. Since the Sept. 13 Israel-PLO ac-





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Israeli soldiers arresting a Palestinian suspected of throwing a firebomb Thursday in Gaza City.

ISRAEL: Hamas Guerrillas Offer a Unilateral Three-Day Cease-Fire

lands. However, Israel's West Bank Flags are not illegal under mili-military government bars Palestim-ian flags from being flown from that troops should remove inciting public buildings as long as Israel material.

cord, once-outlawed Palestinian controls the area, and troops have El Fatah is keen to sell the acflags have been flying from roof- taken them down from public cord on limited self-rule and a tops throughout the occupied buildings and major thoroughfares. troop withdrawal from Gaza and Jericho as the foundation of an independent homeland.

Midnight Knock at Arab Door

A Nonviolent Palestinian Meets Israeli Muscle

By David Hoffman

Washington Post Service BEIT SAHOUR, Israeli-Occupied West Bank - II was after midnight when Elias Rishmawi heard the knock at his door.

A well-known Palestinian pharmacist, Mr. Rishmawi assumed it was another emergency request for medicine. But when he answered the door, Rishmawi was face-to-face with the Israeli Army, and a top officer in Israel's internal security service, the Shin Bet.

They took Mr. Rishmawi, a Christian, to the Bethlehem military headquarters, and later to the Dahariyye detention center in the West Bank, where he was held for seven nights.

He was never charged with wrongdoing, or accused of any violence. Mr. Rishmawi said his interrogators told him be was a "big inciter," but "they didn't explain what kind of incitement." He said they questioned him about his outspoken advocacy of a Palestinian tax revolt against the Israeli subbatting his label battle series to be accused by the series of the serie

authorities, his legal battle against the occupation and his criticism of the accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization that provides for self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

According to Palestinians, Mr. Rishmawi is a stubbornly independent businessman known for advocating nonviolent protest, chiefly through the legal system. He is a founder and member of the board of the Rapprochement Center, which has encouraged dia-logue between Palestinians and Israelis, in this predominantly Christian town of 12,000, long a strong-hold of the radical Popular Front for the Liberation of

His arrest underscores how, even after the Sept. 13 agreement, Israel remains the dominant power in the territories and cootinues to use its muscle to try to muffle radical views. Uoder the pre-1948 British mandate-era emergency regulations still used by Israel, a person can be arrested, interrogated and held up to eight days without being charged or allowed to see a lawyer.

The arrests and detentions are one aspect of the Israeli occupation that Palestinians would most like to see ended, although it is out clear when the Israeli security service will begin to relinquish the broad police powers it oow exercises in the territories.

Asked why Mr. Rishmawi was arrested, an Israeli security official said, "We will have no comment oo specific cases."

Mr. Rishmawi "was always for legal action, and usually that does not go hand in hand with someone who supports violence," said Avigdor Feldman, a civil rights lawyer who represented Mr. Rishmawi and other Palestinians in a legal challenge, now before Israel's High Court, seeking to unveil the financial records of the Israeli occupation

Mr. Feldman said the arrest was "extremely strange and uncalled for" and added, "I can think of no explanation but harassment."

Mr. Rishmawi was one of about 30 Palestinians arrested and held the same week. According to Palestinians inians, most of them were suspected of being activists in the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, a radical faction of the PLO based in Damascus that has opposed the accord. The front is outlawed by Israel, which regards it as a terrorist group, although it continues to have a following among Palestinians in the territories.

Mr. Rishmawi, 45, said that he was not a member of any political faction. But he acknowledged speaking out against the accord, the Israeli occupation and the PLO chairman, Yasser ArafaL

A soft-spoken father of three, Mr. Rishmawi has stroogly held opinions. He was a leader in the Beit Sahour tax revolt at the beginning of the Palestinian uprising known as the *intifada*. The residents of this tightly knit community refused to pay income or value-added taxes as a protest against the Israeli authorities, saying they had not received the services they were paying for, and that the money was going to finance the military occupation. In response, the Israe-li Army closed off the town in 1989 and laid virtual siege to it for 42 days in a series of tax raids.

Mr. Rishmawi, who had been detained by the Israelis during the tax revolt and whose pharmacy storeroom was raided, carried on the hattle in the courts. He and 91 other self-employed merchants and profes-sionals from Beit Sahour and surrounding villages filed a lawsuit against Israel, which is pending before Israel's high court.

The suit charges that Israel has been taxing Palestinians at a higher rate than Israeli Jews, and it seeks to force the Israeli military government to disclose the financial details of the occupation. They want to know how tax money taken from the territories is spent.

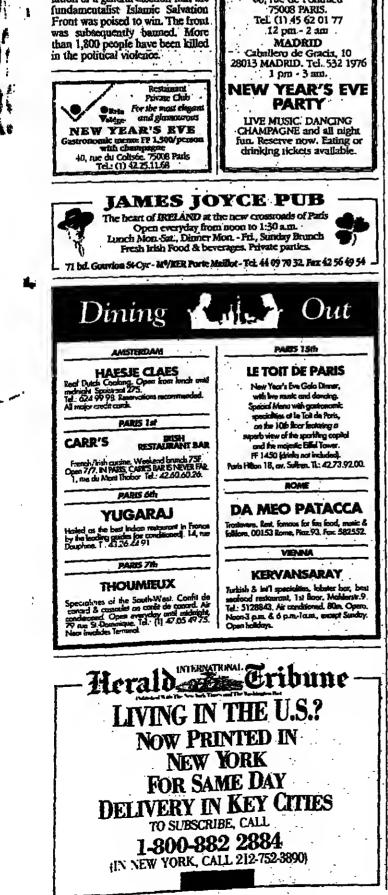
Mr. Rishmawi is oot alone in his claim that Israel has profited from the occupation. Many Palestinians and some Israelis have argued for years that Israel was effectively a colonial power in the territories, absorbing cheap labor without investing. Mr. Rishmawi said the Israeli policies forced capital to flee the territories, while leaving the infrastructure wrecked and all but prohibiting private investment.

But his concerns are broader. He has warned Palestinians that the peace accord with Israel could lead to a harsh oew regime under Mr. Arafat. He fears that Mr. Arafat's militia and the Israelis will move to quash any dissent among Palestinians.



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Nabokov: 'The Gift of Butterflies Writer's Legacy In Swiss Exhibit

By Mavis Guinard

AUSANNE, Switzerland - Those hutterflies that flit through Nabokov's writings. Are they real? Mostly. Fifteen years ago, Vladi-mir Nabokov bequeathed to Lausanne's Museum of Entomology 4,323 hutterflies oeatly packed in dozens of blue and gold tins of Allenbury's pastilles.

And from the 43 glass-covered boxes in the writer's collection the museum has assembled an exhibition, "Nabokov et ses Pa-pillons," on view until Jan. 29 in the Canton-

al Library at Lausanne University.

Vladimir Vladimirovich Nabokov, born in

in.

Russia in 1899, was an observant, poetic ento-mologist. In "Speak Memory," he remembers his father, a liberal Russian aristocrat, telling him of the tragic destiny of the "painted lady" migrating from African plains "to reach the

shores of Europe in early spring . . . and even the extreme north of the earth," hastening southward on the first cold days but

perishing before reaching the warmth. Butterflies were Nabokov's passion from

the age of 7. "If my first glance of the morning was for the sun, my first thought was for the butterflies." They led him on. In h

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Butterflies gained him research contracts at New York's Museum of Natural History. can then in Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology while teaching popular European literature courses at Wellesley and Cornell. dite Publishing scientific papers each year and ruining his eyesight for hours at the microjuri scope identifying hutterfly genitalia, at 40 Nabokov turned to writing masterful biogra-Wet phy, intricately patterned fiction and poetry. tion no longer in Russian, but in English. Dav

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Nabokav, butterfly hunting in Switzerland; portrait by Karsh of Ottawa.

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roadside restaurants, touris) attractions across magnificent landscapes and "the crazy quilt of 48 States." Nabokov also netted candid details that cootributed to make his 12th oovel, "Lolita," a best-seller, in 1955. After the Stanley Kubrick film, the Russianborn writer, now a recognized American writer, could afford to give up teaching and return to Europe.

OR almost another 20 years the Nabokovs lived in the relative warmth of the Swiss Riviera and the comfort of the turn-of-the-century Palace Hotel. In long khaki shorts, the balding writer with a hutterfly oet became a fixture of the hotel garden and Alpine meadows. After his last novel, "Ada", and his Tokyo Revs Up for the Holidays By David E. Sanger

New York Times Service

OKYO -If Asia has a capital city, Tokyo is it. From the air and even from the highway, it may look like an unrelieved ode to urban gray, but at ground level it is one of the most busiling and international cities in the Far East, and in some ways the most deceiving. The apparent Western air - the glitzy boutiques in the Ginza, the English-language

signs everywhere — leads many visitors to the quick conclusion that this is a familiar place, albeit one so sprawling that getting around is a bit intimidating. In fact, getting around is a cinch, with an outstanding subway and train system. The hard part is sorting out the two To

kyos --- the caffeine-charged city of all-day business and all-night drinking, and quiet neighborhoods where old men in their yukata robes and geta, or chunky wooden sandals, make their way back home from the public baths.

Most visitors spend their time in the hightech and Western Tokyo, from the electron-ics shops of the Akihabara district, stocked with goods that have yet to hit the rest of the world, to the coffee shops filled with young people who seem to feel equally at home in New York, Honolulo or the Ginza.

But it is still worth searching for the tiny enclaves of the second city. That is where the few remaining geisha alight from rickshaws and head for the syster, or private restaurants of the wealthy and powerful, and you are left standing in wonder at the hidden life.

The latter Tokyo gets harder to find every year. But if you are willing to wander, partic-ularly in the out-of-the-way neighborhoods that seem to live independently of much of the city, the remnants of old Tokyo are still there to sample.

Unfortunately, never before has the pros-pect of visiting Tokyo seemed so financially daunting as it does these days. But there is hope. The surprisingly severe

economie downturn in Tokyo has not cast many people into the street, but it has resulted in some bargains - discounts at major stores, better prices on set-course meals at restaurants.

The usual rules apply: Eat what the Japa-nese eat, stay out of hotel shops and restanrants, be willing to get lost. You will never be far from a subway

entrance, and there is no safer city in the And the best part of Tokyo, the life



on the streets and the temple grounds, is free. The New Year's holiday, one of the most magical periods to be in Tokyo, offers a

tremendous variety of special events. On Jan. 2, the public is allowed into the grounds of the Imperial Palace; the rest of the year (except for the emperor's birthday Dec. 23) only the gardens are open. The

oval family greets everyone, from a distance of course, from 9:30 A. M. to 11 A. M. On Dec. 27 to 29 there is a year-end fair, called Toshi-no-Ichi, at Yagenbori Fudoson Temple right near Higashi-Nihonbashi Station, and another on Dec. 28 at Meguro Fudoson Temple, near Meguro Station. Those fairs have everything from food to stalls selling old wares

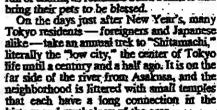
Omisoka, or New Year's Eve, the whole city heads out to neighborhood temples, to hear 108 peals of the temple bell at midnight. One of the best celebrations, full of smiling Buddhist pricets and great food stalls and sake, is at Zojoji Temple; go to Onarimon, Shiba-Koen or Daimon Stations, and follow the crowds.

Other famous celebrations are at Gokoknji Temple by the subway station of the same name, and at Sensoji near Asakusa, but even a small neighborhood temple will be full of charm, as residents build bonfires and

Tokyo residents - foreigners and Japanese alike - take an annual trek to "Shitamachi," literally the "low city," the center of Tokyo life until a century and a half ago. It is on the far side of the river from Asakusa, and the neighborhood is littered with small temples that each have a long connection in the history and mythology of the area.

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he denounced hack then, many species have disappeared," Cherix says. "En papillotes," he adds, "Nabokov's hut-		THE MOV	IB GUIDE	
terflies were safe for later study." Research- ers removed a few at a time from the folded papers, dampened them, unfolding and spreading out the wings, pinning them with "a satisfying crackle produced by the pin penetrating the hard crust of the [insect's] thorax; the careful insertion of the point of the pin in the cork-bottomed groove of the spreading board; the symmetrical adjust- ment of the thick, strong-veined wings under oe2tly affixed strips of semi-transparent pa- per." as Nabokov once described them. In the exhibition, texts are matched to hutterflies: Nabokov, writer, is definitely	Smoking / No Smoking Directed by Alain Resnais. France. Resnais has taken a couple of his favorite themes — time and contingency — as well as a cou- ple of his favorite actors — Sa- bine Azema and Pierre Arditi — and made a double-barreled drawing-room comedy with melancholy undercurrents and	Resnais's theatricals add up to bizarre, sophisticated fun, but audiences will have to be very sophisticated indeed to sit through more than four hours playing time. (Joan Dupont, IHT) Fuse Directed by Kon Ichikawa, Japan.	cess from the Moon" and "Tsmu," both of which did lit- tie credit to the director of "Harp of Burma," "Enjo" and "Fires on the Plain." Rather, this film is yet another edition deluxe, packaging equal parts of hi-tech and the Japanesque, mod but trad. (Donald Richie, THT)	schups are what sell his stories, even if they disintegrate into capty skullduggery and weak endings. It helps that his prose is crisp and streamined enough to personide the reader that something substantial is afoot, even when there are strong indi- cations to the contrary. As writ- ten and directed by Alan J. Pa- kula: with, all the glossy professionalism he can muster,
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researching "Butterflies in Art" when he died in 1977.

In the battered crunk, his widow, Vera. turned over to the Lausanne entomologists were dozens of tins, empty of cough drops but filled with butterflies in neatly labeled paper triangles. They were the last hauls of a passionate lepidopterist who - in his 70s - said he hated to heave his bulk from a comfortable chair but could hike miles on mountain slopes for European specimens he covered.

"The greatest value of Nabokov's gift," says Daniel Cherix, head of the entomology department, "lies in the intelligent selection. Nabokov's knowledge of hutterflies enabled him to bag only specimens of top scientific interest." Older members of the department remember the tall, slightly stooped figure who dropped by to check collections or just chat. "We filed them as he had, by place and by date: from his catches in the Valais, the Engadine, the Italian lakes, Corsica, Sicily, Portugal or the Var we can to spot changes in the environment. Where sites have been

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once of a fascinating career). The Lausanne University zoology department has also edited a catalogue, more informative than glossy. The last section lists every hutterfly of his European collection (early Russian collections were lost; American collections remain in New York, Harvard and Cornell). The catalogue's astonishing literary con-

tribution is a "comprehensive index to all the real and imaginary butterflies and moths found in Nabokov's English writings." The list, set up by Nabokov's German translator, Dieter E. Zimmer, includes oot just butter-flies in the novels and short stories but in interviews, autobiography, selected letters and scientific papers. A monastic task that Nabokov - who could spend hours peering through the "light well of a microscope" to identify a species or flipping through dictionary and thesaurus to find the precise shade of a word - would certainly appreciate.

Mavis Guinard is a journalist based in Switzerland who specializes in cultural affairs.

Adapted from Alan Ayckbourn's "Intimate Exchanges, the two films portray a night mare of multiple choices in the lives of ordinary people in Yorkshire --- artificial creatures flapping their wings from golf course to church graveyard. Against a deliberately contrived looking set, Azema and Arditi tackle the cast of characters from top to bottom, playing nine different parts between them: an adulterous wife and befuddled husband, a befuddled wife and drunken hus band, assorted friends, relations and domestics. They act British with such hrio, the fact they are French adds another dimension to the stylized, organized mayhem. With its fauxnaive accoutrements and childlike Game Boy eballeoge,

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duced this feature film is touting its high-definition origins, and the fact that it was success fully laser-converted to film. And certainly the color gradation, the sharp focus, and the various optical effects of which HDTV is capable are most impressive. The sponsors are not, however, much emphasizing the story, the production, or the direction - and this too is wise. Veteran Koo lehikawa has adapted yet another traditional Sbugoro Yamamoto story about a lady with annesia and her understanding samurai husband. Coming from nowhere, she wears gorgeous kimonos, exhibits wifely virtues, gives him a child, and then solemnly disappears. The film is thus structured just like the direc-tor's two earlier pictures, "Prin-

Directed by Alan J. Pakula a.s.

It is, in fact, the closest thing to an cuset transcription of Gris-ham's novel as unght have been Millions of people have al-ready seen "The Pelician Brief," imagined. The story, neatly though it is only now opening at neighborhood, theaters. That's compressed, unfolds in depend because John Grisham's novel able and photogenic ways. And it is coased along by Pakula's considerable skills as a brisk, is written as instant movie material. It has a big secret; it has a big explosion: it has a conspiramethodical filminater. It could be shorter, and it could be more cy plot that leads all the way to imaginative. (Sydney Pollack's the top. It has a heroine who superior version of "The Firm" sounds exactly like Julia Roberts, if Julia Roberts were going really did breathe life into Grisham's paper-thin characters.) to law school. Grisham has even But as a fast-moving, goodincorporated lots of New Orlooking visual replica of an inleans and Washington scenery, thus giving his intrigue plot triguing potboiler, it also could some extra tourist appeal. Grishave been a lot worse. Neither ham, a fixture at the top of the Roberts nor Denzel Washingbest-seller list and the most cinton is shown to great dramatic advantage, but they both do a lot to make the movie shine. ematic popular anthor this side of Michael Crichton, habitually writes half-books. The opening (Janet Maslin/NYT)

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The Handicaps of Golfing Holidays

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ASARCE . GOLFING break may seen the ideal way to combine business with pleasure. But if you are plan-ning to pack your chubs when you take off for the holidays, be warned: Golf is a great way to unwind and perhaps nurture buaness contacts, but they could be evaluat-ing more than just your swing: How you behave on the golf course can reflect how you behave in business. Your management style is on the line each time you tee off. Style is on the line each time you tee off. These are the findings of a survey of 400 American executives carried out by Hyatt Hotels Corporation. Respondents were se-mor managers (vice president or above) carning more than \$100,000 a year who had played at least is rounded of cold a wear who had carning more than \$100,000 a year who had played at least six rounds of golf over the past year. The sample was split 78 percent men and 22 percent women, matching the percentage of female golfers in the United States. The mean age in the study was 51. Nearly a quarter of the 30 million golfers in the U.S. are management eccentives. the U.S. are management executives.

Predictably, almost all executives say that "playing golf with a business associate is a good way to establish a closer relationship": and over a third say "some of my biggest deals are made on the golf course." But while nearly all say "playing golf is a good way to relieve stress." half have thrown or broken a club after making a bad shot; 12 percent say "golf is more important to me than sex" (slightly more women than men); more than a third of those (55 percent) who admit cheating at golf have also cheated in business at level once after different say that "the at least once, and 47 percent say that "the

at total total, and "a percent say that "the way somebody plays golf is very similar to how he or she conducts business." "If I want to get to know someone, start to do business with them, I play golf with them," says Darryl Hartley-Leonard, president of Hyatt Hotels Corporation in Chicago. "They have let you into the inpar sometime of their have let you into the inner sanctum of their

If c. I really believe that more deals are being done on the golf course than any other place in America. I think it is because on the whole you can make a pretty good assessment of someone when you spend about four hours on the golf course with them. "The obvious thing is whether that person cheats. Someone might say 'my handicap is 12,' you play with them and they shoot 78. You know that that person's major interest is winning, not telling the truth. When you know somebody like that you just won't want to do business with them. Or the person who goes into the trees looking for a lost ball

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and you just happen to notice later on the green that it is a different ball. The other side is when someone does a chip shot, acciden-tally hits the ball twice, which you didn't hear happen, then calls that extra shot on themselves. You say, I like this guy. Then there are people who throw clubs, who lose their temper and scream at the caldie. I have scen outrageous behavior on the golf course from people who are seemingly honorable, decent family types.

"Salespeople are very interesting to watch. They will often throw a game if they assess that the person they're playing with needs to win. What does it say about somebody who needs to win all the time? Say you're thinking of hinng somebody. You'll see a person who maybe starts out with two or three bad holes maybe starts out with two or three bad holes and they will give up. The blown this round.' Not trying to fight back. Well, you can imag-ine what kind of aggression they are going to use to fix things that go wrong in business." As in all self-respecting surveys, there are several types of demographic and psycho-graphic categories to choose from: • Power Players: The most likely to link playing golf with doing business. They are mostly likely to believe that golf is a good way to develop business contacts. These are

the most fanatical golfers - 91 percent will play golf in terrible weather, and 77 percent agree that "I am happiest when I'm on a golf course." They spend the most money on golf equipment and are the most likely to gamble and show their temper on the golf course. They have a higher income (\$116,000) than the rest of the sample

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They have a higher income (\$116,000) than the rest of the sample. • Non-Competitors: They mainly view golf as relaxing and (un (55 percent of the women researched are in this category). They are most likely to be women, play less often than the other groups, less likely to associate golf with business and less likely to associate golf with business and less likely to public. They score longet as rick takes in business lowest as risk-takers in business.

 Gunslingers: They are the most likely to cheat. They are also largest group (75 per-cent) who say that "gambling makes the game more enjoyable." They are the most frequent golfers (89 percent played at least 21 times in the past year) and are likely to use oversized clubs with balls that don't book or dice. Nearby 00 percent are young hook or slice. Nearly 90 percent are young (48) married males, who have been playing golf for over 20 years.

• Escapists: Most enjoy playing golf on vacation (80 percent), are also competitive golfers; 84 percent say "I always play hard to beat the others in my foursome"; while preferring to play with people who play better than they do. They are the group most likely to take lessons from a pro (66 percent). While they seem confident in their financial future, they are the ones most likely to say "I

runre, they are the ones most interly to say "I basically do not like my job" (12 percent). This group is slightly older (53), and has played golf longer (25 years) than the others. "What surprised me about the study is that people agreed with it, but had not real-ized that that's what they had been doing." Hartley-Leonard says. "People said, Yes, I have that but I are concentrated on it." knew that, but I never concentrated on it." Also, I didn't realize how many people cheated, in a game that sets itself up as a paragon of virtue, where cheating is the most abominable thing.

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Sydney Sydney Opera House, tel: (2) 319-1088. Mozart's "Idomeneo," con-ducted by Christopher Hogwood, with Kathryn McCusker, Rosamund Wing and Kirsti Herms, Jan. 8, 11, 14. 19, 22, 24 and 28.

AUSTRIA

Vienna Kunstforum der Bank Austria, teh: (222) 531-24, daily. To Feb, 20: "Barock in Neapel." Paintings and sketches of the Neapolitan school of Baroque in the 17th and 18th centuries, including the period between 1707 and 1734 during which the Austrian Habisburgs reigned as vice-roys in Naples. BELGIUM

Antwerp Ethnographical Museum, tel: (3) 231-20-56, closed Mondays, Contin-uing/To Dec. 31: "The Face of the Spirits: Masks from Zaka." BRITAIN

Milian Patazzo Reale, tel: (2) 87-19-13. To Jan. 30: "Kasimir Malevich." An ex-hibition of 60 works of Malevich (1878-1935) from the Russian State Museum in St. Petersburg. Teatro alta Scala, tel: (2) 80-91-60. Sergey "Protosfev's "The Angel of Fire." Conducted by Ficcardo Chailly and cirected by Ficcardo Chailly. Jan. 14, 16, 18, 20, 23, 25, 26 and 28. Venice VM Centre Julio González, tel; (6) 386-30-00. Contínuíng/To Jan. 23: "Henri Michaux." More than 100 works from the Surreelist artist's vari-ous creative periods. SWITZERLAND Geneva

Petit Palais, tel: (22) 346-14-33. Continuing/To Jan, 30: "De Matisse a Kandinsky." From Fauvism to Ex-pressionism, works by Kandinsky, Matisse, Braque, Viaminck and Duty. Palazzo Grassi, tel: (41) 52 31 680. Continuing/To Jan. 4: "The Un-known Modigliani." Zunich

Kunsthaus, tel: (1) 251-67-65, closed Mondays, Continuing/To Feb, 20; "Joseph Beuys," UNITED STATES

Houston Museum of Fine Arts, tel: (713) Many museums may be closed on holidays. Check before going.

639-7300, daily, To Jan, 9: "Kenneth Noland; The Circle Paintings, 1956-64." The exhibition traces the artist's development in the depiction of circles. New York IBM Gallery of Science and Art, tel. (212) 745-6100, closed Sundays and Mondays. To Jan. 29: "Sardinia: Sacred Art of the 15th and 16th Cen-

turies," 20 retables and sculptures representing late medieval and Re-naissance sacred an drawn from Sardinian museums, local parishes and convents. Museum of Modern Art, tel: (212) 708-9400, To March 1: "Designed

tor Speed: Three Automobiles by Fer-rari, "An In-depth look at the complex relationship between race-car driving and the construction of automobiles

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Biotech Effort at Cleaner Oil

By John Holusha New York Times Service EW YORK - The problem with fossil

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fuels such as coal and oil is that they come out of the ground with unwanted impurities. The least wanted is sulfur, which is corrosive in refinerics and power plants and, when the fucis are burned, is emitted as sulfur couldes that are linked to acid rain.

Indeed, the difference between a desirable "sweet" crude oil and an unwanted."sour" crude is its sulfur content. But, as the sweet grades are consumed, the average amount of sulfur in the crude oil processed in refineries is rising. Meanwhile, environmental rules are limiting the

amount of sulfur that can be emitted from automobile tail pipes and smokestacks. Most pollution-control techniques in the past

focused on capturing the sulfur oxides after com-bustion had taken place. But these controls have often been clumsy and expensive.

A better approach, most agree, would be to get the sulfur out of the fuel before it is burned. This may provide an opportunity for a small Texasbased company and its investors.

Energy Biosystems Corp. is developing a method to use genetically engineered micro-organisms to pull sulfur out of crude oil without damaging the fuel content of the hydrocarbons. The company had an initial public offering in March at \$6 a share and has traded as high as \$14 since. It was quoted Thursday at \$12 a share, up 50 cents.

"There's no question that this is speculative." said Hugh Holman, an analyst at Alex. Brown & Sons Inc. "But if it works, it will change the way the global oil refining business works,"

Biological desulfurization has been rattling around laboratories for decades. The problem is that bugs with a taste for sulfur consume some of the oil as well, lowering the fuel value.

Energy Biosystems' micro-organisms, which were discovered by the Institute of Gas Technology in 1988, do not metabolize the sulfur, Instead, they generate an enzyme that acts as a catalyst to remove sulfur without harming the hydrocarbons.

The problem is that at this point, the bugs do not generate enough enzymes to have commercial value. The company is trying to use biotechnology advances to find the genes responsible for enzyme production and genetically "urge" the organism to increase output.

The micro-organisms themselves are patented, and company officials say they expect the genetic engineering to improve enzyme production to be patentable as well.

As the biotechnicians work on improving the bugs' performance, the company's executives have been forging alliances to get the technology to market quickly if the laboratory work is successful. It has alliances with Texaco Inc.; with Koch

Refining Co., a large, privately owned refiner, with Solvay Enzymes Inc., which makes industrial enzymes; and with Petrolite Corp., a maker of refinery equipment.

But investors who are attracted by the technology's potential must be patient. Even under optitic estimates, no earnings are expected before the late 1990s.

"Investors will have to wait three or four years to see any financial returns," Mr. Holman said. "But if the technology works, it could be big."

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PARIS - Assurances Générales

de France said Thursday that it

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ing of Comptoir des Entrepreneurs

a real estate lender burt by the

AGF, an insurer that is on the

government's list of companies to be privatized, said it expected the

charge to be offset by exceptional

carnings, notably gains from a cap-

ital-raising operation in connection with AGF's Métropole unit.

Comptoir has received an 800

million franc capital injection from its shareholders, of which AGFs share was 300 million. AGF said the

charge against earnings also covered

"provisions arising from future

Comptoir will have a 1993 loss of

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MARKET DIARY Dollar Recovers Against the Yen

berg Business News

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MARKETS: Europe Rides High

Continued from Page 1 market rose as last-minute juggling of positions before the long Christians weekend led to uneven trad ing, news ageocies reported from New York. among cyclical shares, or stocks of companies whose fortunes often re-

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Durables Orders Rise for 4th Month

WASHINGTON (Reuters) --- Strong demand for new cars and air-planes pushed orders for durable goods up for the fourth consecutive

month in November, the government said Thursday. Americans' incomes and spending also rose, the Commerce Depart-ment reported, helping push the economy to what is expected to be a trong fourth-monte-monte-monte-

ment reported, helping push the economy to what is expected to be a strong fourth-quarter performance. Orders for durable goods rose 2.0 percent, to a seasonally adjusted \$139.4 billion, after a 2.6 percent gain in October. Consumer spending, which has added momentum to the economy throughout the year, rose 0.4 percent, its eighth monthly gain in a row, and income rose 0.6 percent, the fourth consecutive gain.

Heir Apparent Resigns From Baxter

DEERFIELD, Illinois (Bloomberg) — Baxter International Inc. said Ihursday that James R. Tobin quit as president, chief operating officer and board member. Analysis said he had left after a battle with Vernon Loucks Jr., chairman and chief executive, over the depth of a restructuring. Mr. Tubin, regarded as Baxter's heir apparent, wanted cuts beyond those of a plan announced in November. It included 4,500 job cuts, a shuffle of senior management and \$925 million in fourth-quarter charges, analysis said.

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Crude Oil Stockpiles Rose, Not Fell NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) — Crude oil prices fell Thursday and, after the market closed, the American Perroleum Institute released bearish news for an already-battered market. West Texas Intermediate crude for February delivery fell 29 cents, to close at \$14.48 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, retracing

West Texas Intermediate crude for February delivery fell 29 cents, to close at \$14.48 a barrel, on the New York Mercantile Exchange, retracing most of its gains on Wednesday. One of the reasons for oil's Wednesday rally was a report from the petroleum institute that weekly inventories had failen by 4.8 million barrels, apparently an indication of reviving demand. But on Thursday, the API revised the figures to show an increase of 1.2 million barrels. The institute said an unidentified company reported a revision in its oil inventory. (Knighr-Ridder, Bloomberg)

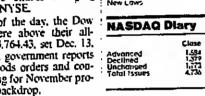
Exxon and Texaco Win in Tax Court

DALLAS (AP) --- Exxon Corp. and Texaco Inc. have won a favorable decision from the U.S. Tax Court absolving them of a multibillion-dollar tax bill dating from the late 1970s.

tax bill dating from the late 1970s. The court on Wednesday barred the Internal Revenue Service from claiming back taxes in the so-called Aramco advantage case. An IRS spokesman said the the decision was not a final ruling. Erxon, Texaco, Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. were members of Arabian-American Oil Co. — Aramco — which bought oil from Saudi Arabia. After the fall of the shah of Iran m 1979, Saudi Arabia sold oil to the companies for less than the world market price to try to case supply disruptions and price increases. The IRS says the companies attempted to evade taxes by reselling to their subsidiaries at below-market prices.

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Reuters

Motoren Werke rose to 702.50 after the close from 693.00 the previous day, while Volkswagen AG climbed to 435.50 from 429.00. The good cheer also was felt in Brussels, where the Current Stock by De Beers Consolidated Mines Ltd, that it was selling uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to sell uncut diamoods to the Antwerp market in hreach of an agreement to only through the South African diamond cartel. The committee has nothing to do with exports and did not leak diamonds uncut diamoods to the attemport in the south african diamond cartel. The committee has nothing to do with exports and did not leak diamonds uncut diamoods to the attemport in the south african diamond cartel. The committee has nothing to do with exports and did not leak diamonds uncut diamoods to the attemport in the south african diamond cartel. The committee has nothing to do with exports and did not leak diamonds to cutters in Antwerp, its deputy chairman. Boris Poolyakov, said, But he take d the De Beers contract, saying Russia was losing at least 30 percent to the attemport of the attem

"personal reasons," according to Finance Minister Paul Martin. The U.S. dollar stood at 1.3276 across the bow for Japan," said Peter Michaels, assistant vice presi-dent av Fuji Bank. Many traders

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AMRO to Buy 51% **Of Banque Odier** For \$86 Million

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches AMSTERDAM - ABN-AMRO Bank NV said Thursday that it intended to buy control of Paris-based Banque Odier Bungener Courvoisier for about 500 million French francs (\$86.0 million). ABN-AMRO, the domioant

bank in the Netherlands, is to buy a

Metall Names A New CFO

Complation Our Staff From Departures FRANKFURT - Metallgesellschaft AG on Thursday named Gereon Mertens, 52, the former chief financial officer at Hoeseb AG, as its finance chief. His appointment came as

the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung reported that Metallgesellschaft is considering taking legal action against its formet chairman. Heinz Schimmeibusch, and former finance director, Meinhard Forster, over losses from oil futures trading in New York. The paper quoted the companys new deputy chairman. Heinrich Goetz, in its report. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

51 percent stake in the French bank from Swiss Volksbank. Volksbank is a unit of CS Holdings, the parent of Credit Suisse and other Swiss banks. Banque Odier Bungener Couvoisier specializes in private banking and provides financial services to medium-sized and large French companies. It has assets of about 5.8 billion francs.

Schlumberger Mallet SA.

ABN-AMRO will have a work

force of about 1,800 in France after

the acquisition. It said it expected to

complete the takeover in the first

quarter of 1994. (Bloomberg, AFX)

Swiss Bank Corp. said Thursday

its audit of Seeland Bank had been

completed and its takeover offer

for the bank, made Nov. 15, would

become effective as planned on

Jan, 4. The takeover is the latest

rescue in Switzerland's troubled re-

gional-banking sector, Reuters re-

ported from Basel. Seeland has as-

sets of almost 5 billion Swiss francs (\$3.48 billion).

Seeland Deal Proceeds

monetary policy until a new Monetary Policy Council at the Bank of France is installed, Economy Minister Edmond Alphandery said Thursday. He said the six lay members who will join the central bank governor and his two deputies on the council will be named at a cabinet meeting Jan, 5. The bank should have become autonomous on Jan. 1, under French legislation. Mr. Alphandery

declined to comment on reasons for the delay in announcing the new council members, who were to have been named at a cabinet meeting Wednesday. ABN-AMRO said its acquisition Newspapers have reported problems in agreeing suitable candidates, with a hist proposed by Phifits in its "strategy of expanding its interests in France." The Dutch lippe Seguin, the maverick speaker of the National bank is already active in France Assembly, causing particular difficulties. through its branch in Paris, the Mas-

The heads of the Senate and the semiofficial sonaud Fontenav Kervern SA bro-Economic and Social Council also nominate lists kerage house and an investment of candidates. banking firm, Banque de Neuflize,

ed to rise by about 10 percent a year in the foreseeable future.

Heinrich von Pierer, chairman of

Mr. Alphandéry said the principle of "state continuity" would apply, under which the government can continue to keep control of policy until a new body is appointed.

The interim period should be relatively short but falls in a crucial week when many economists behere that a cut in French interest rates is possible. The German Bundesbank may decide to cut its leading interest rates af its next policy-making council meeting, on Jan. 6, prompting a round of

rate reductions elsewhere in Europe. The new council in Paris will take charge of monetary policy, setting targets for money supply growth and determining the level of interest rates. A French official said it could meet as early as Jan.

6 or Jan. 7, if necessary, It will be up to the council to decide how much power to delegate to the governor of the Bank of France in the daily conduct of monetary policy.

Siemens Puts Chip Plant in Dresden

A Monetary Transition

Paris to Keep Control Through Jan. 5

Computed by Our Staff from Dispatches the Siemens management board, jointly produce 64-megabit chips. DRESDEN — Siemens AG said said the plant would open in 1995. Analysts questioned the invest-florsday it would build a 2 billion with a work force of 1,200. ment. This is likely to consume Thorsday it would build a 2 billion Deutsche mark (\$1.17 billion) computer-chip factory and research center in Dresden to capitalize on one of its most successful business lines. The electronics conglomerate has been cutting staff and capital spending in other areas. But Siemens has said semiconductor sales are expect-

Georg Milbradt, the Saxony li-tash in a major way for the next few nance minister, said up to 35 percent of the total investment would be be well into the second half of this subsidized. Siemens may also get decade," said Andrew Haskins at some help from "outside partners" James Capel & Co. in London. Mr. von Pierer said, specifying To-Glen Liddy, an analyst at Klein-

shiba Corp. and International Busi-ness Machines Corp. as candidates. also was critical: "Price erodes very The three companies already are co-operating on developing 256-mega-bit chips, and Siemens and IBM produce." (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Cogefar To Merge With 3 Firms

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatched TURIN --- Four Italian construction companies, including Fiat SpA's Cogefar-Impresit SpA, have said they are planning to merge.

The combined concern - Cogefar-Impresit, its subsidiary Impregilo, and two privately held companies, Girola and Lodigiani would show an order book worth 10.0 trillion lire (\$6 billion) and 1992 sales of 2.8 trillion lire, Fiat said late Wednesday.

Next year. Cogefar will change its name to Impregilo SpA, and will buy the construction activities of Girola and Lodigiani at a price based on their accounts at the end of this year.

As part of the deal, Cogefar will sell stock and bonds worth 365 billion lire and warrants worth 255.5 billion lire if exercised. Fiat said the securities issues were needed to pay debts, raise moncy for investments and allow the other companies to take a stake in Cogefar.

Cogefar-Impresit was ensnared it Italy's corruption scandal earlier this year, when its chairman, Francesco Paolo Mattioli and its former deputy chairman Antonio Mosconi, were arrested by Milan magistrates for purported misdo-ings at the construction company. Shares in Cogefar fell 5.6 per-cent, to 2,747, on Thursday. Fiat currently controls about 70 percent of the company.

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

IBM: Life After the Company Is Hard and Unsettling UAL: Employees Inherit an Airline and Its Problems

Continued from Page 11 Michigan and my car broke down.

my uncle called another IBMer," she said. "It didn't matter where I W35.

Marriage to John L. Young, a market analyst for mainframes, maintained her immersion to that culture. IBM asked them to move from Binghamton to White Plains and then to Poughkeepsie, and they did so willingly, aware that IBM would take care of selling their homes and finding Mrs. Young jobs and letting them join the virtually free 1BM Couotry Club,

"We were part of a great big family" and John Young, a tall, broad-shouldered man of 52. "The manager was not just a manager, he was a father figure."

In exchange, workers put in long neurs and the spouses dutifully did their paris, criterianing other IBM enrolences and building the sense of community.

The bargain, though, was found- Kinney, "maintained the most ined oo the company's tacit assur- credulous sense of loyalty to IBM ance of lifelong employment. So until five minutes before they had there was stunned agony written on to leave." Mrs. Young said she felt Mr. Young's face when Mrs. a "sense of betrayal" and was angry Young returned from a trip to Flor- at her busband's "blind faith." ida in April and her husband told Now the Youngs and the two her he would be leaving the compaother prayer group couples. Mr. McKinney and his wife. Lynette. ny where he had worked for 23 years. "He looked like he was 7 or 8 and Gilbert and Virginia Curl, are living in new, unconfortable ways.

years old," she said. Besides laving off some employees, 1BM had offered executives like Mr. Young huyout packages of a year's salary and continued medical insurance.

IBM had been io trouble for more than two years, posting worldwide losses of S5 billion in 1992. In the mid-1980s, IBM's consulting business. work force in Poughkeepsie, East Fishkill and Kingston stood at 31.306, but by July of this year it bad plummeted to 13,800.

group. "Then sometimes I feel I'm the president of a company that's While IBM workers like Mr. Young and his friend, John R. Mcgoing places."

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quarter. UAL's problems are hared by its two major high-cost competitors, American and Delta, and are peculiar to the United States and the problems spawned by airline deregulation. A UAL spokesman said the carrier's international routes were not a problem because its costs are competitive with most foreign, state-run air-Mr. McKinney, a 59-year-old Harvard Business School graduate lines. Small, efficient, short-haul U.S.

who was a senior product planner, airlines like Southwest have started out 33 years ago as a salesknocked the profit out of many of the spokes in the majors' hub-and-spoke system by picking off routes of 300 to 600 miles (500 to 1,000 man in Worcester, Massachusetts, Since he decided to take the severance package, Mr. McKinney has kilometers) between intermediate been struggling to start a computer and major cities and undercutting their prices by flying low-cost Boeing 727s with no galleys and "Sometimes 1 feel I'm a person who doesn't have a job," he told the lots of seats.

Southwest avoids high-density airports with bad weather that cause delays and raise overheads.

Because the airline is a post-dereg-ulation startup, it has no inherited high labor costs, which at one-third represent the largest single share of average airline costs. To compete with such lines, Uoited's management proposed creat-

ing a second airline for the contested short-haul routes dubbed "U-2" that would mimic Southwest. But United had to win approval of its old-line pilot and maiote-

nance unions, whose members are still working under contracts dat-ing from the high-cost days of regulatioo wheo costs were easily passed on to passengers. Senior pi-lots of United's Boeing 747s, for example, can earn \$125,000 to

S200,000 a year flying 10 days a month — easily double the Southwest scale. The solution, said Stephen M. Wolf, UAL chairman, was this: "For the first time, majority interest in a global air carrier will rest out new ways to save money.

with its employees. They will share in the company's success and will have substantial incentive to ensure that United Air Lines remains a global aviation leader."

To meet criticism that they might manipulate the board to protect their own positions, the unions have proposed they hold only three of the 12 seats on the board of the restructured airline, but they will still be majority owners. Mr. Wolf will be replaced by Geraid Greenwald, a former Chrysler executive who was the unions' choice.

Jon Ash of Global Aviation Associates, a Washington consulting firm, said United and its major competitors would be better off following Southwest's structure. Employees own stock in the airline. hich is known for its high morale. Whenever the return on their equity falls below 15 percent, they sit down with management and work

According to preliminary figures

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IG Metall said it rejected an agreement between the union DAG and IBM Deutschland Informationsysteme GmbH to lengthen the workweek to 38 hours from 36 without an increase in wages.

 Switzerland predicted its 1993 budget deficit would soar to a record 8 billion Swiss francs (\$5.56 hillion) because of falling revenue.

· France's seasonally adjusted industrial production, excluding the construction industry, fell 0.7 percent in October from September; market expectations were for a decline of about 0.1 percent.

• The European Commission approved an agreement between Hoechst AG and Schering AG to merge their crop-protection businesses. The commis-sion also approved a venture of Deutsche Bank AG, Mannesmann AG and RWE AG for a German corporate telecommunications network.

• Swissair President Otto Loeple said the airline would post "heavy losses" for 1993 in its core flight-services business, although the airline would break even overall, largely from profit on aircraft sales.

• Philips Electronics NV is withdrawing its wide-screen televisions from the U.S. market because of disappointing sales, a Dutch business newspa-per, Het Financieele Dagblad, reported.

· Qatar said it had awarded ABB Asea Brown Boveri AG a \$1.1 billion contract for a power and desalination plant. AFX. Rewers. Bloomberg

West German Inflation Slows

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches for all of 1993, meanwhile. West WIESBADEN, Germany - German inflation rose to 4.1 per-Western Germany's consumer price index rose a preliminary 0.1 That would be the largest and That would be the largest annual

percent in the month to mid-December and was up 3.6 percent from a year earlier, the Federal Statistics Office said Thursday. The month's increase slowed from 0.2 percent in November, and the yearly rise was unchanged from

was "on the right path," believed to be slowing as the year ended. (Bloomberg, AFP) 1 1 1 10

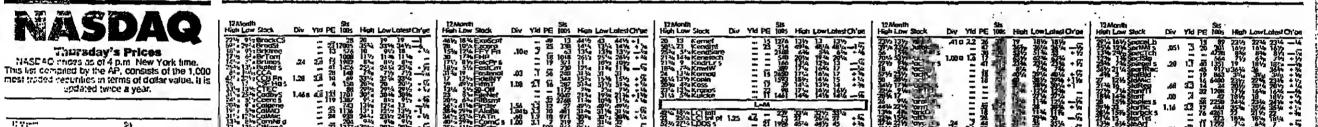
average rise in consumer prices since 1982, when it was 5.2 percent.

But on Tuesday, a senior

Bundesbank official, Otmar Issing,

said inflation in Western Germany

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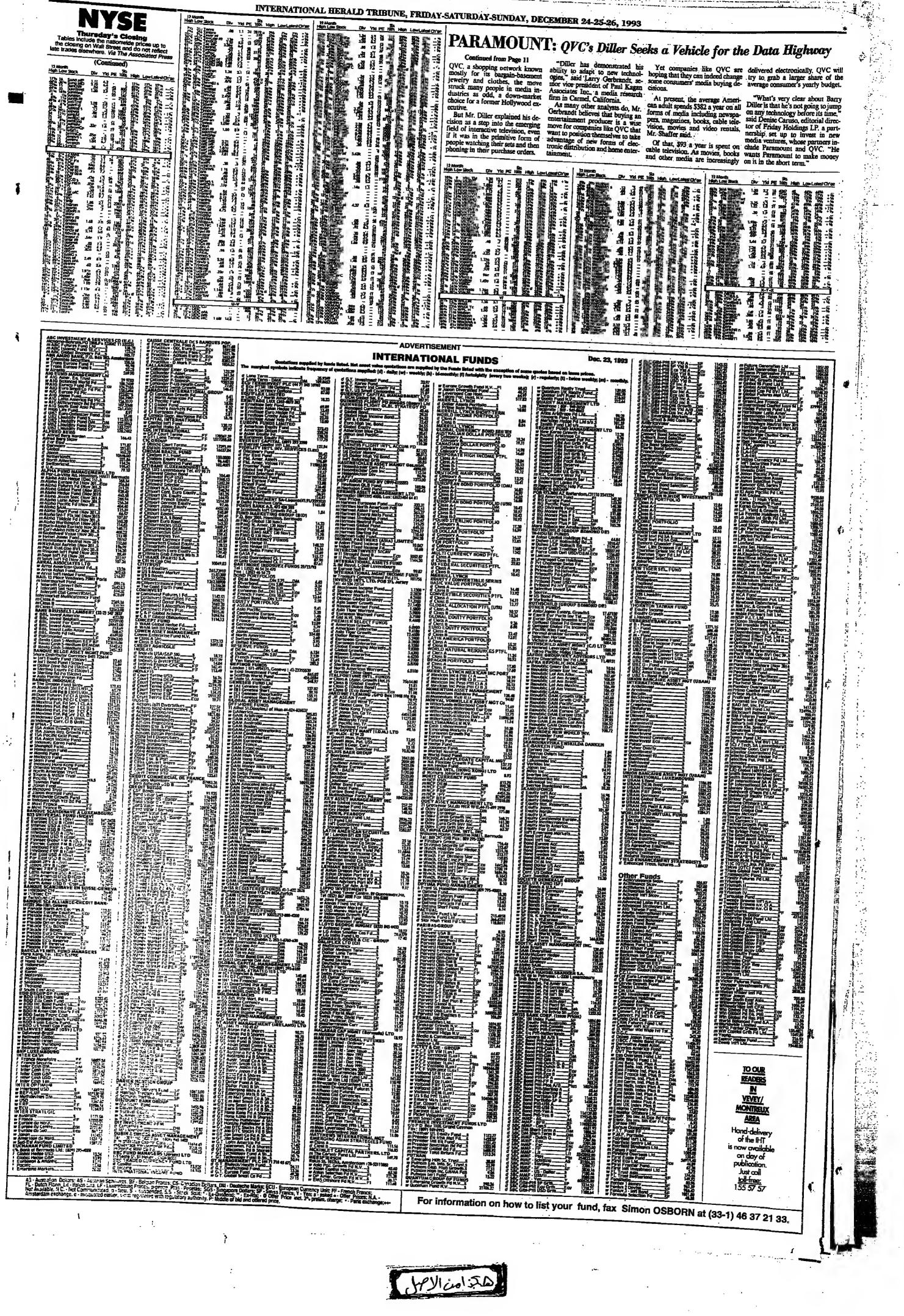
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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TAIPEI - Taiwan's stock market, bucking a trend of record-setting gains on other Asian ex-changes plunged Thursday after a government-linked company that provides loans to stock investors tightened credit.

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Taiwan's benchmark weighted price index fell 216.79 points, or 3.95 percent, to 5.257.96

Fuh-Hwa Securities Finance Corp., Taiwan's biggest securities finance lender, tightened credit to brokerages and investors after a recent increase in its outstanding loans, to 140 billion Taiwan dollars (\$5.2 billion), analysts said.

Legislators called for an investigation into the decision. Fub-Hwa is controlled in part by the ruling

Nationalist Party, analysts said. The index is still up by more than 40 percent since mid-September. As Taiwan fell, four other Asian markets soared. Leading indexes in " Hong Kong, Singapore, Knala Lumpur and Manila all set records. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index surged 173,24 points, or 1.62 per-cent, to 10,881.20, but trading was quiet in the absence of Japanese or-ders because of a holiday there.

Singapore's recent liquidity-driven rally showed no signs of running out of steam, pushing the 30-share Straits Times Industrials index up 24.66, to a record 2.298.61:

Institutional blue chip buying provided the momentum for Knala Lumpur's 30.86 point climb to a new peak of 1,152.24 on the composite index, brokers said.

The Manila Stock Exchange set its eighth record in two weeks as the composite index closed up 99.63 points, at 2,997.46. Evan King, an analyst with Sap-phire. Securities, attributed the

market surge to buying of blue-chip stocks in anticipation of an

expected economic turnaround. The Manila exchange, which began 1993 at about 1,200 points, has outpaced every other Asian market this year. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Philippine Merger Soon

The long-discussed merger of the Philippines' booming stock exchanges will be completed in Janu-ary despite a disagreement over fi-nancing a single market, an official said on Thursday, according to a Reuters dispatch from Manila.

"I'm confident that by January, we will finally merge," Eduardo de los Angeles, president of the new Philippine Stock Exchange, said.

The merger should boost volume from the current average of 2.4 billion pesos (\$86.95 million) to about 4.8 billion pesos in the first six months, Mr. de los Angeles said.

Under the merger plan, the two rival trading floors - Makati and Manila -- would keep operating, but they would be computer-linked and would eventually have harmonized prices. There will be a single set of indexes instead of the present

The remaining stumbling block is the 50 million pesos (\$1.8 million) required from each exchange to finance operations of a single equities market, Mr. de los Angeles said.

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Feast for Japan's Sharks **Consumer-Lending Firms Prosper**

By James Sterngold

New York Tunes Service TOKYO — Of all the battered sectors of the currently depressed Japanese economy, the lendess may be in the worst shape.

Banks are awash in bad debts. The stock market during the past four years has lost more than \$3 trillion in value, an amount equal in nearly half the gross national product of the United States. Nonbank finance companies have taken a shellacking on real estate lending.

So why does the Japanese market love one of the oldest forms of money lending - loan sharks? While they appall stuffy commercial banks, occasionally anger police and even embarrass some customers, investors have found that these specialized consumer-loan companies have a knack for doing something their more prestigious rivals can-

not - making good money even in bad times. Known in Japan as sarakin, a contraction of the Japanese words for salaryman and cash, these companies help workers and the downtrodden white-collar masses cover a range of cash needs. from gambling debts to unusual medical expenses. The average loan made by large sarakin compa-

nics is slightly less than 400,000 yen (\$3,600). These are high-interest loans that are made with-out collateral. In the past several months, three of Japan's

largest consumer-loan companies - ACOM Co., Promise Co. and Sanyo Shinpan Finance Co. have sold stock on the over-the-counter market. They have outperformed not only the stock market, which has been plunging, but also most of

These companies are, in fact, quite good at what they do," Alicia Ogawa, financial analyst at Salomon Brothers Asia, said. "They fill a real need. The bigger banks haven't bothered with consumer lending until very, very recently because they al-ways considered dealing with consumers sort of, you know, dirty."

As a result, the rates the sarakin have charged have been usurious. A decade ago they could legally charge 110 percent interest, about 10 times the prime lending rate at banks.

Regulators have lowered that to 40 percent, about seven times the banks' prime lending rate. Actual loan rates run about 29 percent.

"You can interate 2 in 3 percent loan losses if you're charging 29 percent interest," David Snoddy, an analyst here with Jardine Fleming Securities, said. At one time, the sarakin were relegated in back

alleys or the upper floors of out-of-the-way buildings. Many were affiliated with organized crime. and a scandal blew up in the early 1980s over their unsavory, if effective, collection methods. Intimidation, harassment in the form of tirades outside

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David Snoddy, Jardine Fleming Securities.

deadbeats' homes, as well as outright violence, were all tools of the trade.

At least for the large companies, though, those days are gone. Sanyo Shinpan, for instance, boasts that nearly 90 percent of its 141 loan offices are on the ground floors of buildings, and it forbids its debt collectors to confront customers in person.

Despite rising competition for consumer lenders as credit cards become popular in Japan, the sarakin have a strong niche because they are more efficient than banks.

For instance, banks usually close their automat-ic teller machines at 7 P.M. on weekdays and 5 P.M. on weekends. Most of the sarakin keep theirs open 24 bours a day.

In addition, the sarakin work at what is considcred blinding speed here. According in Mr. Snoddy, sarakin can approve a loan in less than an hour. Among the sarakin stocks, Mr. Snoddy says ACOM offers the highest return on equity, slightly less than 13 percent.

"These are high-risk, high-reward stocks," Walter Altherr, an analyst at Merrill Lynch Japan, said, "But over the long term, one has to believe these stocks will show better growth than the banks."

Australia Names Willi Treasurer

CANBERRA - Prime Minis Paul Keating of Australia on Thu day appointed a fiscal conservati as his chief economic minister.

Financial markets reacted cal ly to news that Ralph Willis wo become treasurer in place of Jo Dawkins, who announced his renation last week for family reaso Employment Minister K Beazley took over Mr. Willis's job as finance minister. subor

nate to the treasurer. Mr. Willis moved to reassure m kets by announcing he was come ted to the government's deficitduction strategy. He also said government would not raise ta unless it was absolutely essenti and that economic growth and creation were his main priorities "Willis was always the safe bet so the market's hardly blinked," said Grant Bailey, chief economist at Citibank. "People are 90 percent

certain he will not make major changes to economic policy. The Australian dollar closed at

67.90 U.S. cents, near its level be-

the government's priorities were "to accelerate growth and the jobs

growth that comes with it." Although the economy is growing at more than 3 percent a year after a long recession and the inflation rate is under 3 percent, unemployment

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fore the appointment. Mr. Willis, a 55-year-old career • Thai Airways International's shareholders appointed a new 15-member Mr. Willis, a 55-year-old career • Thai Airways International's shareholders appointed a new 15-member politician who started his working board, naming a former education minister, Kasem Suwanatul, as chair-life as a labor union researcher, said man in replace the former air force commander-in-chief. Gun Piman in replace the former air force commander-in-chief, Gun Pimarnthip; he was removed from the board.

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· Asia Rare Earth, a chemical plant owned by Japan's Mitsubishi Kasei Corp. and Malaysian interests, was improperly closed by a lower court on grounds it was dangerously handling radioactive waste, Malaysia's Su-preme Court ruled; the court ordered damages paid to the company.

· Datuk Keramat Holdings Bhd., a Malaysian-listed financial company. stands at 11.1 percent. Mr. Willis added that in seeking growth, "We will be sticking abso-too balax at a malaystan-insted mancai company. said it would pay 20 million Swiss francs (\$13,7 million) for a 80 percent stake in a Zurich-based brokerage, Robabond Holding AG, in gain a foothold in Eurobond sales and trading.

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> . Hoechst India Ltd.'s board approved Hoechst AG's plan to raise its holding in the Indian company in 51 percent from 40 percent; at the same time, United Breweries Ltd. of India will lower its stake in Hoechst India to 32 percent from 38 percent

> Taiwan's Council for Economic Planning and Development sees October 1994 as the deadline for the island's entry in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade,

> . Hyundai Engineering & Construction Co. said it had woo a \$420 million contract to build a 2,400-megawatt thermal power plant for the Knwait. Hydro and Electric Authority.

> · Citibank has been authorized to open a representative office in Ho Chi Minh City, its second in Vietnam.

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Swire Takes Control of 2 **Coke Bottlers**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches HONG KONG - Swire Pacific Ltd. said Thursday itbought majority interests in Coca-Cola bottlers in China and Taiwan.

The real estate, aviation, manufacturing and trading conglomerate said it would buy a 25 percent stake in BC Development Co. from China International Trust & Investment Corp. for about \$7.1 million. Swire already owned 30 percent of BC, a holding company for Coke bottling plants in Nanjing, Hangzhou and Xian. Bloomberg Business News

HONG KONG — The government's plans to reduce density in some of Hong Kong's crowded commercial areas could reduce land values in the territory, real estate executives say. The Hong Kong government intends to reduce the land plot ratios — which control the amount of office or industrial space a developer can build on a site — in Kowloon, the British colony's most densely populated area.

The changes result from government concern about overloaded transportation and infrastructure systems in Kowloon. Peter Pun, the

The Associated Press

BELIING - The Chinese government an-

territory's planning director, recommended the changes after results of a two-year study were unveiled Thursday.

But property companies say the changes, which are to take effect Friday, could reduce land values in some districts.

"Changing development requirements to solve infrastructure problems is like sitting between two stools; it is of no real benefit," said Neil Palmer, director at First Pacific Davies, one of the territory's largest real estate agents. Industrial areas in Kwun Tong, Kowloon

permanent controls results in onderpricing and

Bay and Chenng Sha Wan, which are among Hong Kong's less-developed tracts, would benefit from the changes because their plot ratios will not be changed, Mr. Pun said.

"These are significant changes," Lyall Alex-ander-Webber, a director of the real estate brokerage concern Vigers International, said. "The government has been heavy-handed in

Although the restrictions might help ease congestion in Kowloon, they also put constraints on the real estate market.

pushing through these changes so quickly."

and laid off 280,000 employees from a work

The seemingly contradictory moves reflect Last year, the state lifted price controls on 20

the government's conviction that a system of percent of the nation's coal, closed 19 mines,

New Rules Upset Hong Kong Land Firms Australia Court

MELBOURNE - John Elhott, who once ran Australia's biggest brewer, and two former colleagues were charged Thursday in magistrate's court with

the theft of 66.5 million Australian dollars (\$45.2 million). Mr. Elliott sat expressionless as the prosecutor described him as the central figure in allegedly bogus foreignexchange transactions conducted in the late 1980s, Beijing Plans to Abolish Controls on the Price of Coal when he was head of the conglomerate Elders IXL Ltd.

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For Torvill and Dean, 10 Years On, the Dance Has Come Full Circle

By Christopher Clarey New York Times Service MILTON KEYNES, England - It is early

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yet, but the 1990s have not been kind to come-backs. Bjorn Borg hauled his wood racket out of the closet and got whacked. Mark Spitz hanied out his skimpy swim trunks and got lapped. Magic Johnson gathered up his courage and caught fisk.

Which brings us to Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean, onetime darlings of the British

Nobody ever danced better on ice than they did on Valentine's Day in Sarajevo at the 1984 Winter Olympics. No couple has done more to push the sport's envelope over the last nine years as professionals.

What on earth, then, do they have to gain by dusting off their compulsories and attempting to duplicate perfection at the 1994 Olympics in

Lillehammer, Norway, in February? "We have come full circle," said the 35-yearold Dean, who if he makes it to Norway, will be older than every skater except his 36-year-old partner. "I think if somebody had asked us to do this two or three years ago, we would have said no. But we feel as if we have done all there is to do in the professional world. It will have been 10 years since Sarajevo, a decade gone by. That number has some significance for us, as well."

It bears reiterating that, until recently, huminaries like Torvill and Dean, who also won four world championships from 1981-84, did not have the option of throwing caution to the wind. But ever since the International Skating Union announced last year that professionals would be allowed to regain amateur status, high-profile skaters have elected to put their

cgos and financial futures on the line with dizzying regularity. "It's true that the amateur scene generates a

big interest that makes it attractive to be part of again," Dean said. "People always said to us, What have you been doing the last lew years?" We've been out there, doing shows and live performances, but if you're not on the TV box once a year winning a world championship, they think you're finished."

Other former gold medalists who have thrown their hats back in the Olympic ring include Brian Boitano, Katerina Witt, Viktor Petrenko and the Russian pairs of Yekaterina Gordeyeva-Sergei Grinkov and Natalia Mish-

kutenok-Artur Dmitriev. "We didn't lobby like Brian did for this," Torvill said, "The first time we heard it was real was in June 1992 at the ISU's 100-year anniversary in Davos. The night before we left, they decided they were going to allow professionals back in. We didn't even know it was one of the issues on the agenda."

Dean clearly had considered the possibility, however. The next morning, he was already talking to Torvill about coming back.

"I thought he was crazy," Torvill said. "But then he went on to all the positive reasons why we should do it, and he got me all excited about

it. Then he changed his mind, of course." "I went cold on her," Dean said. "As soon as I agree with something, he dis-agrees," Torvill said. "That's normal." This is how Torvill and Dean talk in front of

strangers. They have been skating together for nearly 20 years (they met as teenagers at a local rink in Nottingham) and, like many involved in a happy marriage, have a habit of trading jibes and

not, Dean does the interjecting, which is appro-printe because he is the driving creative force. "Chris comes up with all the ideas and steps, and I try to tell him what works and doesn't

work," Torvill said. It was Dean who painstakingly choreographed their stunning interpretation of Rav-el's Bolero in 1984, a freestyle program that earned them the maximum number of perfect 6.0s for artistic impression and a cascade of long-stemmed roses from a Sarajevo audience that would later have neither the time nor the occasion for such carefree gestures. It is Dean who has choreographed the ron-

I think if somebody had asked us to do this two or three years ago, we would have said no. But we feel as if we have done all there is to do in the professional world.' **Christopher Dean**

tines throughout their professional career, which has encompassed numerous television which has encompassed numerous television specials and three lengthy tours of their own, including two groundbreaking tours with Soviet skaters. He already has finished work on their irrestyle program for Lillehaumer: a program that will remain under wraps until the British national ice dancing championships on Jan. 7-8 in Sheffield. Those championships were pushed back almost two months specifically to size back almost two months specifically to give.

Torvill and Dean enough time to prepare. "The federation didn't want to pressure them into a decision to come back, but I think we all had our fingers crossed," said Eileen Anderson, g each others' sentences. More often than vice chairman of the British dance committee.

Assuming Torvill and Dean win their seventh national title in Sheffield (not exactly a leap of faith) and claim Britain's single dance spot in Lillehammer, they will perform their freestyle program just once more before the Olympics: at "We want the free dance to have an impact on the judges — as if they are seeing it for the first time," Dean said.

This could be an enormous boost for British

Others apparently want more time to reflect.

seen her before. The door policy has since

suite that looks down on the ice," said the arena manager, Eddie Mahoney. "Our site manager has been offered a fair sum of money on differ-ent occasions to open up that suite."

"We have a nightchub next to here with a

become more selective.

One who has seen the program by less covert-means says it is "much faster and jazzier than skating. We basically have been losing ground since 1989. Until then, Jayne and Chris had Boleto." Dean will say only that "we're trying kept it going because what they were doing was still in the public eye." to be very technical with our steps and intricate with our feet and, at the same time, lift the sudience with something approaching romanti-

Please note Dean's use of the word "approaching." As one of those who joined ice dancing out of the ballroom and toward high drama, he now reserves the right to play revisionist.

There have been too many deaths on the ice in recent years," he said. "The top skaters are wonderful and they can carry it off, but when you get past sinth or seventh place, they are trying to be so deep thinking about everything that it just doesn't work and ends up looking comical. It had become an evening of poor tragedies. We're trying to move in a different

"This is not about nostalgia. We are coming back because we feel we still have something to give the skating world. We also feel we can still be very competitive."

The consensus is that they will achieve that goal, although the reigning world champions, Alexander Zhulin and Maya Usova of Russia, are certainly a major obstacle to a second Olympic gold medal. "I think Chris and Jayne are better than they

Though practice sessions at Torvill and Dean's new training site in Milton Keynes are closed to ensure secrecy, one middle-aged woman showed up in October and got past the guard by explaining she was a close friend of the staters. "I timit Chris and Jayne are better than they were in 1984," said their longtime coach. Betty Calloway. "All these years, they have been doing their own shows, going on and off several times a night, so one four-minute program is not going to be a problem physically. As for their technical level, they have never taken the area origination and introduce according that minute After she watched an entire run-through, it turned out that Torvill and Dean had never easy option and just done programs that were simple and pleasing to the public. They have always stretched themselves as professionals and put in a lot of difficulty."

Nonetheless, it is surely comforting to know that unlike Boitano and Witt, who will have to contend with triple and perhaps quadruple jumps, Torvill and Dean will never have to lift their venerable bones off the ice.

"Ice dancing is, I think, unique in that it lends itself to maturity as opposed to an athleti-cism," Dean said. "You still have to be fit to get through what we're doing. But I think choreo-graphically, experience is vital. And I think when people see us skating out there, it's not two people who have been skating together for a couple of years. There are 18, almost 19 years going into that four minutes and there is a persona that comes from that."

Another point in their favor is that unlike Borg who had lost total touch with the compet-itive tennis world. Dean has remained very involved with amateur skating. From 1987 to 1992 he choreographed for French-Canadian ice dancers Isabelle and Paul Duchesnay. Dean and Isabelle were manied in May 1991, two months after she and Paul won the world championship. Before turning professional, they went on to take silver at last year's Olympics in Albertville with a Dean program set to the music of West Side Story.

But while the scenario was strictly storybook, the Dean-Duchesnay marriage was not. Isabelle filed for divorce early this year, citing, among other reasons, incompatible career

"It just didn't work out," said Dean, who acknowledges that his decision to try the Olympic comeback was one of many factors that led to the relationship's deterioration. "At the end of the day, with all the pressures, it was just a bad choice of personalities being together." Dean then promptly and uncharacteristically

went out and became a national tabloid staple by striking up a romance with Jill Trenary, an American skater and the 1990 world champion. The story ("Star Chris Falls For Another Ice Maiden") had reporters sleeping in their cars outside the Milton Keynes arena and eventual-

If all had gone according to plan, Dean would never have been in a position to give an August press conference in England. The originagion press conference in regiand, i ac oug-nal idea was to prepare the comeback by head-ing directly for the source. Norway, And at the beginning of July, he and Torvill did indeed pack their oft-packed bags and set up camp in Hamar and its new Northern Lights Hall, the site of the Olympic figure skating competition. They wanted to stay right there, acclimatiz-ing and training near Lillehammer, until Janu-ary. They ended up staying only three weeks. "When we left we were very hopeful to get sponsorship, but it never materialized," Dean said. "Basically, we were financing it ourselves,

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and it just became too expensive to live and operate out there, flying in people to work with us. It would have cost us over £120,000 (\$180,000) for everything for the six months. In lorway, you don't get much change when you go shopp

go shopping." Enter Milton Keynes, which is an hour's drive north from London but light years re-moved from the architectural splendor of Tra-moved from the architectural splendor of Trafalgar Square. This is a city of traffic circles and modern structures. Few could be more modern than the MK Leisure Flaza, which has all the chann of a highway-hugging, middle American shopping mall.

Here are the well-polished lanes of the Quasar "Super Bowl," and the ill-named High Society discotheque, and, for those in search of world-famous ice dancers, the Blade Runner

"People don't always believe us when we tell them that Torvill and Dean are here," said Carlyne Wright, a 19-year-old behind the ticket.

The arena, one of a handful in Britain with an Olympic-sized ice surface, actually folded in April, but then a group of local business moguls decided to resource it at about the same time Torvill and Dean were searching for a new training base that would grant them four hours of private ice time six mornings a week at, a

bargain-besement price. Milton Keynes might not be heaven, but a match was made.

"The commercial rate for an hour of ice time is £500 to £600 an hour; we charge them that for a week," Mahoney said. "We're effectively sponsoring them."

Unfortunately for Britain's most famous winter athletes, other such benefactors have

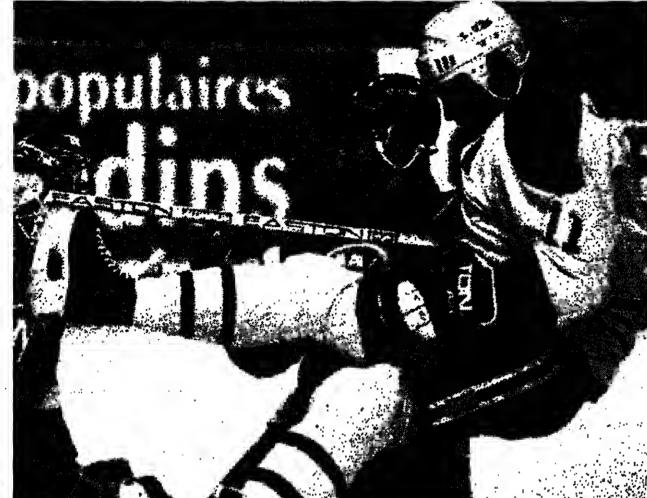
"It's a bit frightening, the money that goes out when there's nothing coming in," Torvill said. "We are a bit surprised really, but I would put a lot of it down to the recession. Initially, a lot of people are interested and then it just fades away. I imagine the minute the first skating championship comes on the telly, people might get more excited, but it's now that we need the

Excitement, of course, can he a difficult emotion to inspire in the land of understatement

and stiff upper lips. "The Brüch people are great because there is basically no attention," Dean said. "It's like 'Oh you're doing the Olympics again are you? Good mck."

The audience will be more demanding come February. Those who got goose pimples from Bolero will be crowded around their television screens, waiting for more magic and more big.

round numbers from the indges. I suppose nobody can take away what we did in 1984, but we know that we are standing up to be accountable again," Dean said. "One of the biggest decisions we had to make was who is this going to affect the most, and it is really going to affect us the most, isn't it??" People will watch, and if we're not as good, they will notice it, then forget about it and move on to more important things. The only ones who will have to live with it forever are the two of us,



what kind of makes the Olympics so special."

For Rookie Star, A Tough Choice: Olympics or NHL

The Associated Dive

BUFFALO, New York -It's a decision that National Hockey League rookie Derek Plante says be's "going to lose some sleep over." Does he stay with the Buffalo Sabres, where

his 12 goals and 10 assists are the third-best totals on the team, or leave to play for the U.S. Olympic team in Lillehammer, Norway? "It's a big decision and somebody's going to

get hurt or mad," Plante said. And somebody -cither the Olympic team's coach, Tim Taylor, or the Sabres' coach and general manager, John Muckler - is going to

be very happy. Plante, the NHL's sixth-leading rookie scorer, has a contract with the Sabres that stipulates he must notify them of his intentions by Jan. 1. If he knows what he's doing, he's not saying. "I actually haven't made a decision," he said. "My mind's not made up."

The American team, which begins play Feb. 13 against France, would definitely benefit from having Plante, the speedy center whom the Sabres' coach, Muckler, has teamed with the up-and-coming wingers Donald Audette

and Brad May. "That line of Audette, May and Plante has given our team a lot of enthusiasm," Muckler aid, "They are the future stars of our team. They are going to be the hard-core people somewhere down the line."

The problem for the Sabres is that, with center Pat LaFontaine out for the season with a knee injury, they need Plante and his scoring ability now. "If Pat LaFontaine hadn't got hurt, I think

his right decision would be to go to the Olym-pics," Muckler said, "We'll certainly miss him if he makes that decision, because without Pat around, he's our second offensive center and that would hurt us."

LaFontaine's absence gave Plante his shot, but it also makes it tougher for him to walk

"It probably wouldn't be such a big question if Patty was here," Plante said, "We're fighting for a playoff spot and I don't want to do

anything to hurt the team in a situation where

"They were doing so well and I kind of got caught up in the whole Olympic thing," he said. "Those memories are in my mind and that's we're fighting for a spot." Still, Plante said, some of his earliest memories growing np in Duluth, Minnesota, were watching the U.S. team shock the sports world

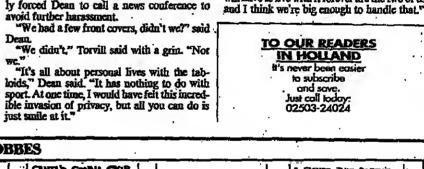
by winning gold medal at the 1980 Olympics in Lake Placid, New York, He was 10. Plante said the Olympics are a once-in-alifetime opportunity.

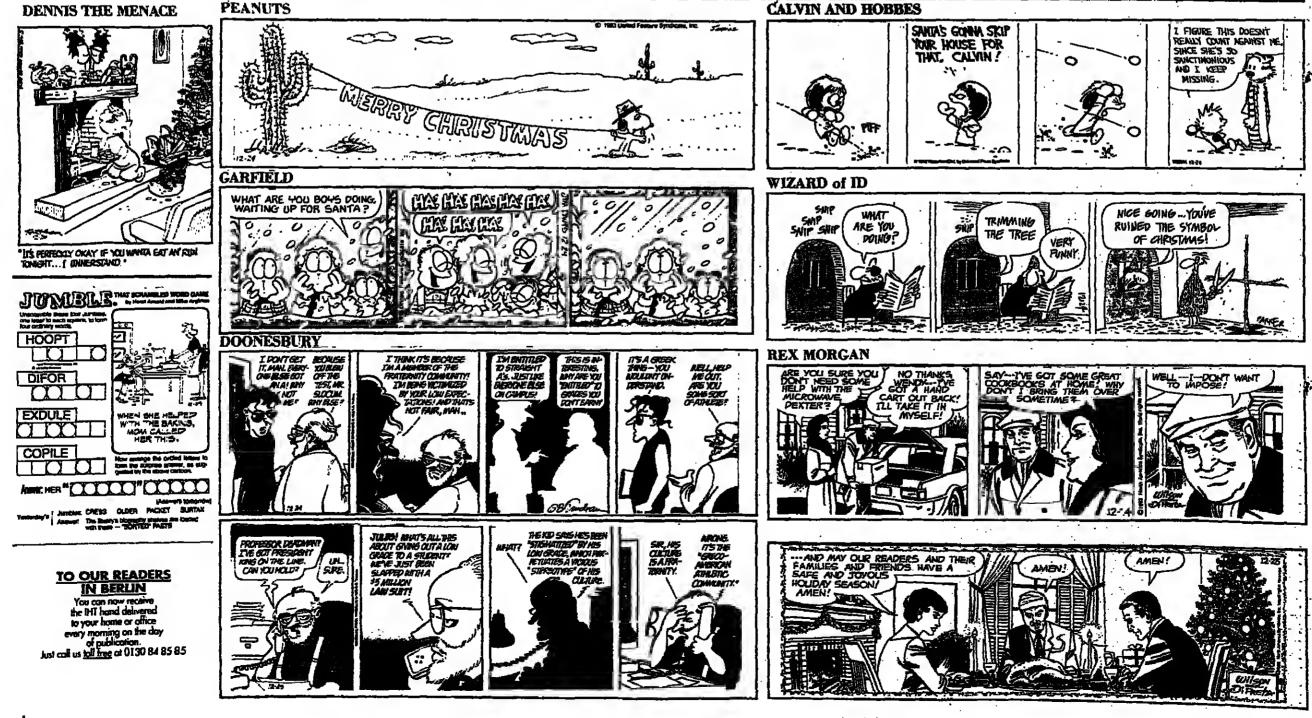
Darius Kesperaitis sat Montreal's Kirk Muller down as the New York Islanders scored four goals on their first seven shots for a 5-3 victory over the Stanley Cup champions. That made it five victories in a row, over Philadelphia, New Jersey, Toronto and Pittsburgh.

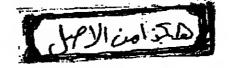
Dean "If I don't go, I have to live with myself that I didn't go," be said. "I don't want to look back and say, 'I should have, could have, would have.""

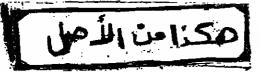
If he does go, he said, "T'll feel like I'm leaving my teammates and not being true to

"It's all about personal lives with the tab-hoids," Dean said. "It has nothing to do with sport. At one time, I would have feit this incred-ible invasion of privacy, but all you can do is just smile at it."









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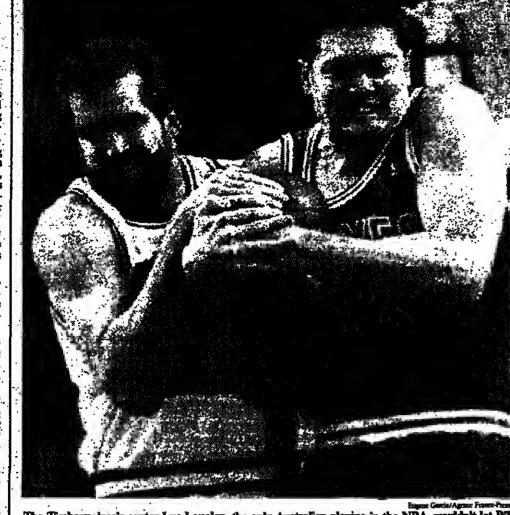
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The Associated Press FRANKFURT - Tennis players are taking drugs and the sport's officials are hiding the fact, says three-time Wimbledon champion Bonis Becker. The tennis season is so long and grueling that many players need drugs to get through it, Becker says in the Christmas issue of the Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung. The newspaper released excerpts Thursday.

"Why shouldn't there be doping in a sport where there is so much money?" Becker is onoted as saying.

He says it is "a joke" that no tennis player has been pun-ished for drug abuse by the Association of Tennis Professionals.

The ATP says it conducts many drug tests and that no player has ever tested positive. Asked if he doubted that, Becker is quoted as saying: "Yes. I am not saying it had to be anabolic steroids, but coke, speed or marijuana, for sure." The question is whether the ATP would allow a positive drug test to come through. because the whole scene would fall into disrepute and the sponsors would really run away," he is quoted as saying. Becker says he has not taken drogs.



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The Timberwolves's center Luc Longley, the only Australian playing in the NBA, wouldn't let Rill Wennington steal the ball, but that didn't keep the Bulls from winning their seventh straight game.

A Loss Returns to Haunt Indiana

The Associated Pres

Jacque Vaughn has oow twice spoiled Bob Knight's day, Indiana's coach, looking for a youngster who could replace talented senior guard Damon Bailey, found a likely recruit in Vanghn. Unfortunately for Knight, Kansas' coach, Roy Williams, found him, too, and signed him.

Wednesday night, Vaughn stuck another dagger into Knight by sinking a 3-pointer in the last second of overtime to give the sixth-ranked Jayhawks a 79-76 victory over the 12th-ranked Hoosiers.

is all about," Vaughn said.

than Vaughn, "special people are put in special situations like that. his life."

resembled the third week of the December.

throws with 3.3 seconds left as No. 3 Duke held off lowa to give the Blue Devils' coach, Mike Krzyzewski, his 400th victory.

er from Reegie Geary with a minote to go and beat No. 18 Boston College in a semifinal game of the Mani Invitational.

triple overtime.

overtime as well before defeating No. 25 Western Kentucky, and No. 20 Cincinnati had to hang on to edge Miami of Ohio.

Bailey, held to six points in the first half, was spectacular in the second with 30 points, almost singlehandedly rallying Indiana (5-2) from a 39-30 deficit early in that period. And, having missed a 3pointer at the end of regulation, he made two free throws to give the Hoosiers a 72-70 lead at the start of overtime, then his jumper made it

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points, 15 in the second half, and James Winters got 22 to help Iowa (5-2) cut a 52-34 deficit to 56-54, and the Hawkeyes trailed by only 71-68 with 2½ minutes left.

No. 5 Kentucky 100, Ohio St. 88: Kenuncky (6-1) neutralized Ohio State's inside strength with the 3-

Delk 23.

"That's what college basketball

"Sometimes," said Williams, who's been around a lot longer Sometimes youngsters are given an opportunity to make big plays and Jacque made that. That was a shot and a prayer and it was answered. He'll remember that for the rest of

There were several other memorable shots on an evening that more NCAA tournament than a week in

Cherokee Parks sank two free

No. 13 Arizona got a big 3-point-

Lamont Frazier made five free throws in the final 64 seconds as Missouri nipped No. 19 Illinois in

No. 11 Louisville needed an

83-83 with 18.3 seconds left.

scored 18 points and Antonio Lang and Chris Collins each had 17 for Dake (6-0). Russ Millard scored 25

College 65: The last of four ties was at 63-63 with 1:39 left on a up-in by Arizona's Joe Blair. After Billy Curley, who led BC (7-1) with 19 points, missed a jumper with 1:14 left, Arizona (8-0) grabbed the re-bound and called a timeout. Geary

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pointer, Tony Delk hitting 7-of-11 and Travis Ford 4-of-10, in the Maui Invitational's other semifioal. Ford finished with 27 points,

No. 11 Louisville 78, No. 25 W. nois (6-2) missed a chance to win Kentneky 73: DeJuan Wheat the game in the first overtime when scored 24 points, with a 3-pointer at the start of overtime helping Louisville (5-1) avenge, barely, last

year's 78-77 loss to the Hilltoppers (3-2). Mike Fraliex had 24 points for Western Kentucky. 96-percent foul shooter, missed two free throws. Given two reprieves, Missouri (6-1) woo at the free throw line. No. 13 Arizona 70, No. 18 Boston

No. 20 Cincinnati 78, Mian Ohio 75: LaZelle Durden hit a 3pointer, Dontonio Wingfield a jumper and Keith Gregor two free throws in the last three minotes as Cincinnati (8-2) held on after Mi-ami (3-3) closed to 65-63.

connected from the left corner with No. 21 Syracuse 81, Miami, Florida 52: Adrian Autry and Lawrence Missouri 108, No. 19 Illinois 107: Moten each made four 3-pointers and Syracuse (7-1) hit 11 in 21 tries in burying Miami (6-2), which had Freshman Kiwane Garris of Illiled the Big East in shooting defense he was called for charging with four and scoring defense. Moten scored seconds left. With time expired in 23 points and Autry 20, while Steve the second extra period, Garris, a Rich had 25 for the Hurricanes.

NFL's Sanders Gets \$17.2 Million Pact

1:00 showing on the clock.

NEW YORK --- Four National Football League stars have became richer by signing contracts a day before the deadline for agreements designed to heat next season's salary cap.

Barry Sanders became the richest back in the league by signing a four-year, \$17.2 million contract Wednesday with the Detroit Lions. The year-ly average of \$4.3 million exceeds the previous high of \$3.6 million signed for earlier this season by Emmitt Smith of the Dallas Cowboys. Only two players, quarterbacks Steve Young of San Francisco and John Elway of Denver, make

more than Sanders. Young gets about \$4.9 million a year. Elway about \$4.7 million.

Ernest Givins, who recently became Houston's career pass receiving leader, agreed to a three-year, \$5 million cootract extension. His 481st catch, made last month against Pittsburgh, broke the Houston record set by Drew Hill.

All-Pro tackles Steve Wallace and Harris Barton, who protect Young, signed five-year, \$10.35 million contracts with the 49ers. The signings keep the tackles, like Young and wide receiver Jerry Rice, bound to the 49ers through 1997.

The signing of big-name, big-money players for long terms has become a priority for teams with big payrolls. The clubs had until Thursday to "front load" such contracts onto their 1993 payrolls before the salary cap takes over next season.

Mavericks Tie NBA's Loss Record

The Chicago Bulls, expected to free-fall through the National Basketball Association's standings without Michael Jordan, are not. The Dallas Mavericks, expected to improve with the arrival of Jamal The Bucks, winning just the sec-Mashhurn and Jim Jackson avail-NBA HIGHLIGHTS

ond of 10 home games this season, got 21 points from Todd Day. Mashburn scored 29 points for the Mavericks, who would get an-

At the same time, Dallas was losing its 20th straight game, 96-86, to the Milwankee Bucks, matching this season, on Nov. 12. Philadelphia's 1973 record for consecutive defeats in one season. The 1982 Cleveland Cavaliers lost 24 straight in a two-season span.

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The Bulls have an 11-1 record

since Pippen's return from an ankle Christian Laettner, who scored

a free throw to pulling Minnesota to 97-92 with 1:33 to go. But Kukoc was fouled driving for the basket. and his three-point play made it

Hawks 108, Celtics 103: Atlanta set a team record with its seventh straight road victory and 16th triumph in 17 games overall as Kevin Willis scored a season-high 32

Stacey Augmon had 19 points for Atlanta, whose previous fran-

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MEXICO CITY - World Cup champion Germany finished the year No. 1 in FIFA's

rankings Thursday, a day after completing a disappointing North American tour with a

scoreless tie against Mexico before 120,000 fans

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Germany Ends '93 No. 1, French Whitebread Crew Mutinies And With Tie in Mexico **Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches** Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

FREMANTLE, Australia - Eric Tabarly. France's most famous yachtsman, came out of retirement Thursday to quell a mutiny in the Whitbread Round the World Race.

Tabarly, 62, said in Paris he would take over from Daniel Malle on the maxi yacht La Poste at the request of the sponsoring French Post Office and "because Daniel asked me to."

Germany, which opens the World Cup against Bolivia on June 17 in Chicago, lost by 2-1 to Argentina last week in Miami and was Malle, a yachting instructor for the Post zerland. Post Office officials, who spent 80 mil-lion francs (\$15 million) on La Poste, are said to be unhappy that it trails Merit Cup by 36 hours. Office's sports club, would remain on the La unimpressive Saturday in a 3-0 victory over the Poste as an assistant to Tabarly, officials said. But most of the 14-man crew said Thursday • Tanju Colak, 30, Enrope's top scorer in 1988 and 1990 with Galatasaray, was sentenced in Ankara to four years and eight months in prison for smuggling a Mercedes into Turkey. The French boat would be even further bethey would refuse to sail on the third leg of the race, starting Jan. 9, if Malle stayed on board. hind had it not been awarded a generous time allowance after going back to assist Brooksfield after the Italian boat damaged its rudder. "There are nine of us who will not continue (AP, Reuters, AFP) to sail with Daniel," said one crewmember, (AFP, AP) SIDELINES Denor 72, tower 70 E. Michigan %, Chicago SL 73 Jadfora St, 82, Boll SL 81, OT Konsos 84, Jadione 83, OT Konsos 31, 70, Mackenson City 64 Alssourt 708, Illinois 107, 30T Octo 11 79, Michols 107, **Expanded Five Nations Ranks Urged** LONDON (AFP) - England rugby union manager, Geoff Cooke, said Thursday he wants the Five Nations Championship turned into a twoto tourna S. Hilmois 72, Wiching St. 64 Canada, Romania and Italy should be invited to compete along with SOUTHWEST Bayler 27, Texas Southern 73 Oklehoma 79, Copein St. 64 England, France, Ireland, Scotland and Wales in an attempt to provide more interest in the sport, Cooke said. Oklehomo 77, CopPin St. 64 Texas-Arlineton 87, Stephen F.Austin II Texas-El Peso 70, Texas-Pon America FAR, WEST Adams St. 75, Dolse St. 68 Arizona St. 68, Southern Meth. 58, OT N. Carolina St. 60, Creson St. 68 Nevada 71, Same Ciara, 65, OT Nevada 71, Same Ciara, 65, OT Nevada 71, Same Ciara, 65, OT n F.Austin M "It should consist initially of the Five Nations pins Canada, which has surely earned the right to be in such company. The first division will include the bikes of Romania and Italy, and there will be promotion and relegation between the two divisions." For the Record Papperdine 70, UC Sonto Borboro 57 Son Francisco 90, McNeese SL (9 New York Mayor David Dinkins signed a new long-term lease for the expansion of the National Tennis Center in Queens, which will keep the U.S. Open tennis tournament in the city for at least 25 years. (NYT) ford 54, Virginia 72 . Utoh 61, Utob 51, 55 Ken Hattield, who coached six seasons at Arkansas, returned to the Southwest Conference as the football coach of Rice. He replaces Fred HOCKEY Goldsmith, who resigned Dec. 16 to coach Duke. (AP) Yasuei Yakushiji of Japan gained a split decision over South Korean champion Byan Jung II to win the WBC bantamweight title in Nagoya. NHL Standings EASTERN CONFERENCE Japan. MCL Division W. L. T. Piss GF GA 22. 8. 3. 49 126 47 19 11 4 42 120 93 18 16 2 38 135 136 15 16 2 32 108 106 14 15 3 31 120 111 August Kirsch, 68, of Germany, a member of the IAAF council since 1981, died in Cologne's University Hospital. (AP) · . NY Rengers New Jersey Philadelphia Washington NY Islanders Florida Tampa Bay 14 15 3 31 129 13 15 5 31 91 18 20 4 24 55

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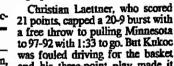
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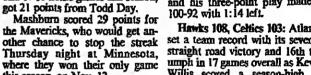
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"There's definitely reason for serve Steve Kerr's 17 points in 41 victories was six in 1968-69.

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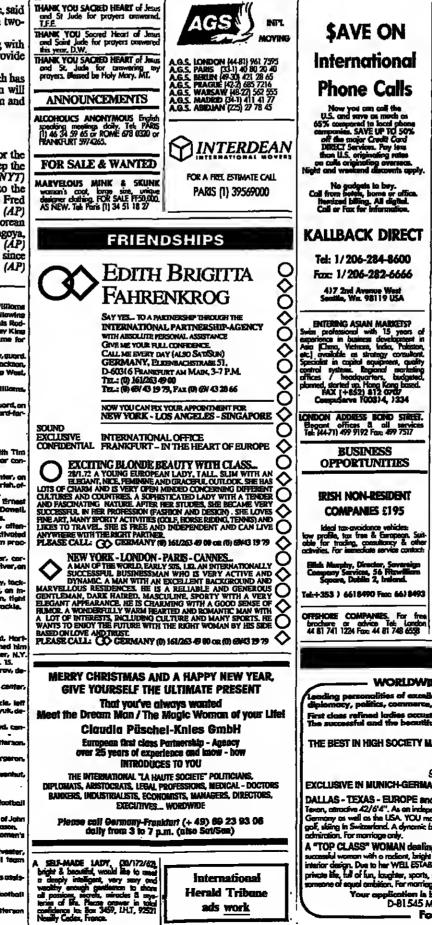
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DAVE BARRY

Safety on the Streets

Seriously, I happen to live in South Florida, and the crime situ-

ation down bere is really not that

bad, as long as you take certain

basic precautions - locking your

doors, avoiding poorly lit areas,

moving to Idahn, etc. But life

down here can be unnerving. For

example, a while back we rented

one of those warehouse storage

lockers, so we could store some of

our stuff in there for a couple of

years before throwing it all away. The rental guy asked me to sign a piece of paper, and be said (this is

"This just says you're not going

to use it to store any, like, drugs or

"You'd be surprised," he said.

You would be surprised. Here's

another true Miami story: On

Thanksgiving Day, some workers

TANK. Police don't know how the

body got there, hut it's a safe bet

a real quote):

human bodies."

I looked at him.

M IAMI - Americans are very upset about crime, It has become such a serious problem that even the U.S. Congress has taken precious time away from campaign fund-raising to pass a tough anucrime bill, which will make the streets safer for decent, law-abiding citizens by imposing barsh mandaory minimum penalties on Senator Bon Packwood.

But government action alone is not the answer. I believe that, to fight this crime wave, we need to remember what our pioneer foreparents did when they were settling the Wild West, and there were few lawpersons around to defend civilians from the cattle rustlers and the gunslingers and the highwaypersons and the roving outlaw gangs of Anway distributors.

In those days, ordinary civilians sometimes had no choice but to

form posses, saddle up their horses and bring lawhreakers to justice at the end of the harrel of a gun. I realize that what I'm about to say is realize that what I'm about to say is highly controversial, but maybe it's a rental duplex, and they found A time we did the same thing. That's PERSON IN THE SEPTIC right: If the police can't protect us, then maybe it's time we exercised our constitutional right to keep and that it wasn't an accident, unless bear horses. A criminal is going to think twice about entering your bedroom if he knows there's a But getting hack to Commissionbedroom if he knows there's a But getting hack to Commission-torse in there. Especially if he (the er Perry and his wife: The Star-

hoes.

C7 Another option, of course, is to buy a handgun. This is a controver-sial issue, so let me state out front that whatever YOU think about the handgun issue, it is my firm belief that you are 100 percent correct. But whatever opinion we jointly hold, we need to consider the implications of a handgun-related news item that was reported recently hy Tom McNiff of the Ocala (Florida) Star-Banner. This item, which I am not making up, describes a tragic incident involving a Marion County, Floriia, commissioner named Norm Perry, whose wife, Betty, was getpervous about this, because Miami has a reputation for having a had crime prohlem. AUDIENCE: How bad is it?

criminal, also the horse) has new Banner reports that, at Commissioner Perry's suggestion. Mrs. Perry was planning to take a hand-gun with her to Miami. As she was packing, however, she discovered that the gun was jammed; so she hrought it to Commissioner Perry. who was standing in front of his closet, deciding on what to wear. He was working on the gun when suddenly it went off.

You have prohably already guessed: The bullet -- in yet another of the senseless tragedies that we read about all too often these days - went through nine of Commis-

sioner Perry's dress shirts. Those shirts are \$25 to \$30 apiece," he told the Star-Banner. A terrible waste, you say? Yes. But sometimes you must pay a ing ready for a weekend visit 10 Miami. Needless to say, Norm was crime-ridden society, there could very easily have been a criminal hiding in the back of Commissioner Perry's closet, planning to steal enough money to afford air fare to

By Mike Zwerin International Herald Tribune

DARIS - Astor Piazzolla, who had learned the hard way, taught Götz Wörner not to care about what people say. Even after he became Argentina's most important musical amhassador, his countrymen considered Piazzolla's "new tango" sacrilege. They called him a traitor for betraying the old tango. He received menacing phone calls. He was assaulted on the street. A taxi driver pulled over and said: "Piazzolia, get out of my cah." Worner was in the process of learning that he could "do something I was told couldn't be done." Everyone was telling him it was impossible for a German company to market contemporary Latin American music, which could be difficult listening and which was a descendant of music the First World had molded into its own image and herded into an ethnic ghetto (remember the cha-cha). He had two problems. He did not agree with other people's definition of the possible and he loved the music.

Starting an eponymous record company in 1980 at the age of 18, he released an album by Sergio Vesely, Chilean singer-songwriter on the lam from Pinochet. He was working out of his parents home in Pforzheim, in Germany's Black Forest, until his father told him to pay his own phone bills. Revolutionary Chilean music was not a cash cow. He rented an office in Heidelberg and traveled frequently to Paris, where the new tango was flourishing. At the age of 24, he met Piazzolla, whom he had come to worship. Flazzolla in turn worshiped Igor Stravinsky and Gil Evans and had fused them with his roots, reinventing the tango. He was known and respected around the world the lange. He was known and respected around the world by an elite cult of people with ears. While in his native Argentina, he was, and to an extent still is, accused of abusing his culture. Worner walked around with Piazzol-la's sharp ninth chords in his ear. "Can I produce a record with you?" he asked him.

Piazzolla had a tape of a recent concert. They rented a studio to listen to it. Worner was impressed. Piazzolla liked the kid's guts. "O. K.," he said, there and then just like that. "Let's do it."

Piazzolla's "The Vienna Concert" has since sold 250,000 units and has become the locomotive of a little company that could. Worner named it Messidor, after a month in the French revolutionary calendar. There are 30 choice contemporary Latin American albums in Messidor's catalogue. How can an independent record label thrive dealing peanut quantities - an average of 35.000 copies -- of sophisticated polyrhythmic music in competition with the five market-dominating multinational giants flogging binary low-denominator soup by the millions? He "worked like a dog" and kept his overhead low. The term "Latin American" is like "African" when it

comes to music, conveniently homogenized diversity. Messidor's inventory covers the entire range from Andean folk music to Afro-Cuban jazz. There's one common strand. Worner had learned its name at the age of 21, when Piazzolla took him shark fishing off the coast of Uraguay. "There are only two kinds of music," Piazzolla said. "Good and bad."

"What is good music?" Worner asked.

"Everything that swings," his mentor replied, "Mozart also swings." Worner went to Buenos Aires in 1983 to find a distri-

buter for "The Vienna Concert." Nobody was interested in a German recording of the new tango. He was told he was crazy to put so much energy and money into "niche are defectors. Worner was sure that recordings of the best



Götz Wörner: Good music is everything that swings, including Mozart.

usic." He could not understand it, he had already sold 40.000 copies in Germany alone. He had thought that the Argentines would be thrilled that for the first time Piazzola's music was properly produced and packaged. But it was not in accord with their self-image. The Argentines prefetred, or at least the record companies thought they did, the old sentimental cliches with pseudo-sexy dancing

and plenty of brilliantine. After Piazzolla had a stroke in Paris in 1990, the Argentine president, Carlos Saul Menem, sent his private plane to hring him back home to die. The press had been concentrating on the president's marital problems; it was suspected he only wanted to change the headlines. Piazzolla never liked Menem very much anyway.

Worner, who was no specialist, became increasingly enthusiastic about South American music. He learned Spanish and traveled. The Cubans, he found, also mistreated their own music. Sound quality and packaging were awful. Worner produced high-tech digital recordings of Irakere, Gonzalo Rubalcaba, Paquito D'Rivera, Arturo Sandoval, Mario Bauza and Carlos (Patato) Valdes, who was the first percussionist to tune conga drums so as to be ahle to bang out scales. Israel (Cachao) Lopec, whom Jaco Pastorious called "the best bass player in the world" and who Worner says invented the mambo rhythm, plays on Messidor's "40 Years of Cuban Jam Session." The actor Andy Garcia "discovered" Lopec languishing in Miami not too long ago. Garcia plays congas on the album.

Womer records in expensive studios with the best musicians he can find. Trouble is, most of the studios are in New York and Miami and the majority of the musicians

Cuban musicians would sell briskly in Cuban dollar stores. Cuba has one of the richest musical traditions in the world, with enormous export potential. It could do for Cuba what the the Beatles did for Britain. But the Cuban In the process of building a worldwide (Cuba excepted) distributed network with only three employees -- head-quartered now in Frankfurt -- Worner spends more time with international bankers and distributers than musicians. At least be can apply what he learned majoring in economics in Pforzheim. He devised a simplified royalty statement with numbers that add up without technocratic

assistance. He pays top-of-the-line percentages. It may take five years to reach the break-even point, a major company would eighty-six the artist and remainder the stock long before that. But Worner has learned that the impossible takes a little while.

Along with Piazzolla, the most historic labelmate was the trumpeter-arranger Mario Bauza, who died at the age of 80 last July and was an emineace grise par excellence. Messidor has released three albums under Bauza's name. When Bauza was musical director of the Chick Webb orchestra in the '30s, he hired young Ella Fitzgerald ("A-Tisket a Tasket"). He brought an unknown Dizzy Gille pie into Cab Calloway's trampet section. Machino called

Bauza hired Piazzolla to play with Machito in the "50s, when the Argentine was unemployed and broke. Cabans asked what a bandonion was doing in a mambo band. "Astor," he told him. "Just go on doing your own thing. Don't worry about what people say. You're going to be very successful one day. Don't give up."

PEOPLE

Spielberg, the Director: **Recognition** at Last

Steven Spielberg, snubbed by the Los Angeles and New York critics and the National Board of Review, finally won a nomination as best director in the annual Golden Globe Awards. Spielberg's "Schindler's List" and New Zealand director Jane Campion's "The Piano," both widely landed by film critics, were nominated in six categories, including best director and best film, James Ivory's "The Re-mains of the Day" and Martin Scorsese's "The Age of Innocence" were each nominated for both of those leading categories. The fifth nominated director was Andrew Davis for "The Fugitive," and the fifth nomination for best film was "In the Name of the Father." . .

Rap star Snoop Doggy Dog, cur-rently on bail of \$1 million after allegations that he was involved in allegations that he was involved in a shooting that killed a than in August, signed autographs and passed out Christmas presents to children at the Martin Luther King Jr.-Drew Medical Center in Los Angeles. The rapper, whose real name is Calvin Broadus, has plead-ed innocent to the nurder charge. · . D'

The Grinch stole Christmas and Leona Helansky helped bring it back. The "Queen of Mean," cur-rently finishing a 30-month tax-evasion sentence in home confineevasion sentence in home confine-ment, and her husband. Hairy, will pay \$5,000 to help replace gits stolen from a New York homeless shelter and will give \$20,000 for more gifts, still their publicist. Willie Randolph, a New York Yan-kees coach, put in an appearance at the shelter, bringing presents and Yankees hats. Yankees hats. Ð

Apply early. The former Prince, who has adopted an unpronounce able symbol as his new name, is still looking for "the most beautiful girl in the world." A spokeswoman for the purple one says he has been inundated with responses, but it's not known whether he's looking for a bride, a new band member or the

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star of a new feature.

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